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Annual Report

Town of Northfield

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS
EMERGENCY 9-1-1**

TOWN OFFICES

Animal Control.....	286-8514
Assessor's Office.....	286-7039
Building Inspector.....	286-7039
Conservation Commission.....	286-7039
FAX – Police.....	286-2027
FAX – Town Hall.....	286-3328
FAX – Town Sheds.....	286-8968
Fire Station.....	286-4781
Hall Memorial Library.....	286-8971
Health Officer	286-7039
Knowles Pond Conservation Area.....	286-7039
Pines Community Center.....	286- 8653 8653
Planning Board.....	286-7039
Police Emergency.....	286-8514
Police Business Office.....	286-8982
Recycling Area.....	286-7548
Road Agent.....	286-4490
Selectmen's Office.....	286-7039
Tax Collector.....	286-4482
Town Clerk.....	286-4482
T-N Recreation Council.....	286-8653
Welfare Administrator.....	286-7039
Youth Assistance Program.....	286-8577
Zoning Board of Adjustment.....	286-7039

WINNISQUAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (SAU 59)

Union Sanborn School.....	286-4332
Southwick School.....	286-3611
Middle School.....	286-7143
High School.....	286-4531
Superintendent's Office.....	286-4116

HOSPITALS

Franklin Regional Hospital.....	934-2060
Lakes Region General Hospital.....	524-3211

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ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

NORTHFIELD POLLING PLACE:

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2003

10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

NORTHFIELD TOWN HALL

21 SUMMER STREET

NORTHFIELD, NH 03276

NORTHFIELD TOWN MEETING:

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2003

10:00 A.M.

UNION SANBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

5 ELM STREET

NORTHFIELD, NH 03276



DEDICATION

EDNA SOUTHWICK

This year's Town Report is dedicated to Edna Southwick. And how appropriate indeed that in this year of fiscal concern everywhere that the Report be dedicated to a bookkeeper of such local note!

A lifelong resident, Edna's achievements and associations bear the stamp of Northfield and the surrounding community. Born July 7, 1925, she attended the Union Elementary School for eight years, and was a member of the class of 1943, the first four year class to graduate from the new Tilton-Northfield High School. She worked as a bookkeeper for more than 30 years at such past and present business mainstays as the Gale Insurance Agency, Tilton Sand & Gravel, and Iona Savings Bank.

Among her greatest contributions to the community has been her dedicated service as a longtime member of the Hall Memorial Library's Board of Trustees. In August of 2003, Edna's term of service on the Board will have reached 50 years, volunteering her time through good times and bad to maintain a priceless local resource. It was the dedication and vigilance of Edna, Warren Hill, Sally Lawrence, and others that ultimately led to the recent expansion of the library. Had there not been consistent oversight of the library over the years, there may not have been much to build on when the community elected to enhance the historic Hall Memorial Library. The response to the facilities and services provided by the library has been overwhelmingly positive, and the pride we take in our best little small-town library is at its core an appreciation for the loyal service of people like Edna Southwick.

Edna and her brother Bert, also a local legend of considerable renown, still reside at the Southwick Farm on Zion Hill Road, holdouts of the Town's rural tradition, agricultural heritage, and Yankee conservatism. She still donates the proceeds from her craft table at the church fair, and she still keeps a sharp eye on the books at the library. Northfield proudly dedicates this year's Town Report to a remarkable woman of fortitude, service, and insight on where best to pool the community's resources.

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Glen F. Brown, Chairman Selectman	2005
William Nickerson, Selectman	2004
Lana Dearborn, Selectman	2003
Scott McGuffin, Moderator	2004
Gene Cote, Assistant Moderator (Appointed)	
Roland Seymour, Treasurer	2003
Judy Huckins, Town Clerk/Tax Collector	2005
Barbara Foster, Supervisor of the Checklist	2008
Elaine Lamanuzzi, Supervisor of the Checklist	2004
Terry Steady, Supervisor of the Checklist	2006
Eliza Conde, Trustee of Trust Funds	2005
Scott Caveney, Trustee of Trust Funds	2004
Ronald P. Mills, Sr., Trustee of Trust Funds	2003

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Eliza Conde, Trustee	Life
Edna Southwick, Trustee	Life
Sally Lawrence, trustee	Life
Judy Sanders, Trustee	2004
Barbara Converse, Trustee	2004

WINNISQUAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

Larry Prince, Chairperson, Tilton	2004
Nina Gardner, Vice Chairperson, Sanbornton	2005
Elaine Lamanuzzi, Northfield	2005
Ken Reichstein, Sanbornton	2004
Robert Mazur, Northfield	2004
Valerie Allen, Northfield	2003

Thomas Salatiello, Sanbornton	2003
Peter Deleault, Tilton	2003
Michael Gagne, Tilton	2003

NORTHFIELD SEWER DISTRICT

Robin D. Steady, Chairman
 Thomas Beaulieu
 Roland Seymour

TILTON/NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT

Andrew Sleeper, Chairperson	2003
Thomas Gallant	2005
Harold Harbour	2004
Deborah Renard, Clerk	2003
Roland Seymour, Treasurer	2003
Scott McGuffin, Moderator	2003
Robert R. Petrin, Chief (Appointed)	

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES TERM EXPIRES

BUDGET COMMITTEE

George Corliss, Jr., Chairperson	2004
Steve Randall	2005
Linda Pardy	2005
Leif Martinson	2004
Valerie P. Sarber	2003
Aurlow E. Stanley	2003
Lana Dearborn, Selectmen's Rep.	2003

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

(Annual Appointments)

Steve Randall, Chairperson, Budget Committee Representative
 Dennis Allen, Public Representative
 Richard Bellerose, Conservation Commission Representative
 Lana Dearborn, Selectmen's Representative
 Frances LaBranche, Planning Board Representative
 Linda Pardy, Budget Committee Representative
 (Vacant), Public Representative
 (Vacant), Zoning Board Representative
 Scott Hilliard, Police Chief
 Albert Cross, Road Agent
 Joyce Fulweiler, Town Administrator

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Cathy Thibeault, Chairperson	2005
David Krause	2005
Richard Bellerose	2004
Linda Haines	2004
Chris Hunt	2003
Diane Moreau	2003
Kevin Fife	2003
Barbara Wirth (Alternate)	2005

HIGHWAY GARAGE STUDY COMMITTEE

(Annual Appointments)

Dennis Allen	Albert Cross
Robert Nicol	Chris Sheehan
Aurlow Stanley	Donald Stevens
Lana Dearborn, Selectmen's Representative	

KNOWLES POND STEWARDSHIP/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Annual Appointments)

Diane Moreau, Chairperson	Sterling Blackey
Gene Cote	Dan Doubleday
Kevin Fife	Barbara Krause
Alan Leach	Cynthia Leach
Lisa Martin	Steve Mazur
Nancy Norris	Irene Paul
Cathy Thibeault	Ashley Warner
Joyce Fulweiler	

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION **NORTHFIELD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMISSION**

Francis LaBranche	2005
David Krause	2005
Douglas Read (Alternate)	2005

PLANNING BOARD

Chris Hunt, Chairperson	2003
Glen Brown (Selectmen's Ex Officio)	2005
Richard Cullen	2004
William Dawson	2004
Douglas Read	2004
George Flanders	2003
Francis La Branche	2003
Gloria Pickering (Alternate)	2005
Richard Maher (Selectmen's Alternate)	2004
Michelle Bonsteel (Alternate)	2003

UPPER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE **NORTHFIELD REPRESENTATIVE**

Richard Bellerose
Pamela Hunt

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Kent Finemore, Chairperson	2004
Roland Seymour	2005
David Liberatore	2004
Stephen Bluhm	2004
Christopher Dunne	2003
Michelle Davis (Alternate)	2005
William Nickerson (Selectmen Ex Officio & Alternate)	2004
Alternate (Vacant)	2003

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD EMPLOYEES

TOWN HALL

Administrator	Joyce May Fulweiler
Executive Assistant	Debra J. Shepard
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Vicki Hussman
Welfare Administrator	Sharon Stephen
Code Enforcement Officer/Health Officer	Dana Dickson

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief	Scott Hilliard
Lieutenant	Stephen P. Adams
Sergeant	Timothy M. Dow
Police Officer	Kenneth A. Pierce, III
Police Officer	John R. Raffaelly
Police Officer	Donald E. Sullivan
Police Officer	Joshua Beauchemin
Police Officer	Michael Hutchinson
Police Officer	Todd Corey
Administrative Asst./Part Time Police Officer	Sally J. Robert
Part Time Police Officer	Stephen D. Dow
Part Time Police Officer	Laurent Cotnoir
Part Time Police Officer	Edward Sampson
Part Time Police Officer	Richard Arell

Part Time Secretary
Animal Control Officer

Meredith Hirtle
Thomas Carroll III

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Road Agent
Assistant Road Agent
Project Supervisor/Mechanic
Heavy Equipment Operator
Truck Driver
Truck Driver
Laborer/Light Equipment Operator
Recycling Attendant/Laborer
Recycling Attendant/Laborer
Secretary

Albert E. Cross
Robert Nicol
Richard Clerk
Wilfred Fleury
Sumner Weeks
Harold Fife
William Welcome
David Shaw
Michael Kimball
Patricia Rollins

United States Senators

Judd Gregg, 393 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington DC 20510
John E. Sununu, 1 New Hampshire Ave., Portsmouth, NH 03801

United States Congressmen

Jeb Bradley, Dist. 1, 1218 Longworth HOB, Washington DC 20515
Charles Bass, Dist. 2, 218 Cannon HOB, Washington DC 20515

New Hampshire Governor

Craig Benson, State House, State Street, Concord, NH 03301

New Hampshire Executive Council

Peter Spaulding, Dist. 2, 386 Gage Hill Road, Hopkinton, NH 03229

New Hampshire State Senate

Robert B. Flanders, Dist. 7, PO Box 1, Antrim NH 03440

New Hampshire State Representative District #35

Claire D. Clarke, 437 Daniel Webster Hwy. Boscawen, NH 03303
Christopher Dunne, PO Box 100, Tilton, NH 03276
"Al" Foley, PO Box 257, Andover, NH 03216
William E. "Bill" Leber, 97 Salisbury Highway, Andover, NH 03216
Priscilla Lockwood, 435 N. West Road, Canterbury, NH 03224
Roy D. Maxfield, 7126 School Street, Loudon, NH 03307

Merrimack County 4 Court Street Concord, NH 03301

Commissioner District 2
Treasurer
Sheriff
Attorney
Registrar of Deeds
Register of Probate

Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh
Stuart Trachy
Chester Jordan
"Dan" St. Hilaire
Kathi Guay
Janice Bradstreet

**WARRANT FOR THE 2003 TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
MERRIMACK COUNTY
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, in the County of Merrimack, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE
NORTHFIELD TOWN HALL ON THE ELEVENTH DAY OF MARCH
NEXT AT TEN O’CLOCK IN THE FORENOON TO ACT UPON THE
FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town officers and School District officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt proposed amendments to the Town of Northfield Zoning Ordinance on a separate ballot prepared for same. (The complete text of the amendments is available at the Town Clerk’s Office and is printed in the Annual Report).

Amendment #1 (Recommended by the Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7, Table #2 by removing the reduced side and rear setbacks for pre-existing non-conforming lots of record:

	<u>R-1</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>C/I</u>	<u>CONS</u>
Side and Rear Setback (pre-existing non-conforming lots of record)	10'	10'	10'	10'

Amendment #2 (Recommended by the Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 14, Non-Conforming Uses by:
Re-titling 14.1 to read Non-conforming Uses, Lots and Structures.

Defining- Non-conforming Structures: Existing structures that do not meet the requirements of this ordinance due to height or setback requirements.

Adding- Repairs to Non-conforming Structures: Nothing in this section shall prevent the ordinary repair and maintenance of any lawfully established non-conforming structure.

Defining- Non-conforming Lots: A lot that is not contiguous to another lot owned by the same party that has less than the prescribed minimum area or frontage.

Re-defining- Non-conforming Use: Any building or land lawfully occupied by a use at the time of passage of this Ordinance, or amendment thereto, which does not conform to Article 7, Table #1 Uses by District.

Amendment #3 (Recommended by the Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7, Table #2, Note E as follows:

Note E- A back land lot used for a residential purpose shall have a minimum of 50 feet of road frontage ~~or have an easement of similar width such that each back land lot has a private access to a on a~~ class five (5) or better road.

Amendment #4 (Recommended by the Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to include a reference to the date of the most recent Flood Insurance Rate Map, updated June 15, 1979, in the Floodplain Ordinance.

Amendment #5 (Recommended by the Planning Board)

To see if the Town will amend Article #7, Table #2, to add a note requiring that all multi-family residences with 3 or more units have an additional $\frac{1}{4}$ acre minimum lot size for each of the total units. The only change would be to include reference to the note at the bottom of the table for Multi-family Residences (4 Units or less) and to remove the existing note and replace it as follows:

~~May be allowed at a density of no more than 1 unit per $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, excluding roads and open space.~~

Add $\frac{1}{4}$ acre for each of the total number of units. For example, a 4 Unit Multi-family Residence in the R-1 Zone would require a minimum lot size of 2 acres plus an additional $\frac{1}{4}$ acre per unit ($\frac{1}{4}$ acre times 4 units equals 1 acre) for a total minimum lot size of 3 acres.

Amendment #6 (Recommended by the Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to adopt an Interim Growth Management Ordinance for the period of one year placing a moratorium on residential building permit and subdivision activity.

Amendment #7 (Recommended by the Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to adopt an Impact Fee Ordinance, as Article 15 of the Town of Northfield Zoning Ordinance, permitting the Planning Board to assess impact fees for off-site improvements required in the Subdivision and Site Plan Approval processes.

**POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M.
AND ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF MARCH NEXT AT TEN
O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON AT THE UNION SANBORN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 5 ELM STREET, IN NORTHFIELD TO
ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**

- Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a 10 +/- acre conservation easement with frontage on Knowles Pond; to authorize the issuance of not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) in bonds or notes in accordance with RSA 33:8-a and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon. This Article was submitted by petition. It is not recommended by the Selectmen and it is not recommended by the Budget Committee. (2/3 ballot vote is required). This article is not included in the posted operating budget.
- Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a two year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a replacement cruiser for the Police Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) as the first

year's payment for that purpose. This lease/purchase agreement contains a non appropriation clause. (Majority Vote Required). This article is recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee and is included in the posted operating budget.

- Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,795,210 which represents the Budget Committee's recommended operating budget of the posted budget (MS-7) and pass any vote in relation thereto. This amount includes the appropriation in warrant article # 4. (Majority Vote Required).
- Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a purchase/sale agreement for a conservation/agricultural easement on a portion of the Harold Corliss Farm for the purpose of preserving open space and protecting the rural character and atmosphere of the Town. Once the terms have been negotiated, the Selectmen will seek grants and donations to offset the acquisition cost and request a special town meeting to raise and appropriate the balance of the funds needed. (Majority Vote Required).
- Article 7.** To see if the Town shall vote to authorize the Tax Collector to discount by two percent (2%) any amount in property taxes due when said taxes are paid within 30 days of the date of billing. (Majority Vote required.)
- Article 8.** To see if the Town shall vote to discontinue and relinquish all interest therein, a portion of a Class V road in accordance with RSA 231:43; specifically Cottage Street Extension, which commences at the northwesterly corner of Lot U8/54 and running easterly thirty three and one half (33 ½) feet and southerly a length of one hundred and fifty feet (150) to the intersection of the interior access road of Towne and County Estates. (Majority Vote Required).

- Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, in its first two years of operation, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural and historic resources and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its next biennial budget. (Majority Vote Required).
- Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Health Care for New Hampshire Resolution: Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost of insurance in the country; and Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and Whereas, 100,000 new Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full time worker at home; and Whereas, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small business cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved That we, the citizens of Northfield, New Hampshire call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses and health care providers to ensure that: Everyone including the self-employed, unemployed, uninsured, underinsured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employee receive; Everyone, including employers, consumers and state, local and federal government make a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system; Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care. This resolution was submitted by petition, is non bonding and represents no fiscal impact.

Article 11. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 11th day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and three.

Glen Brown, Chairman

Lana Dearborn

William Nickerson

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD, NH

A true copy of warrant attest:

Glen Brown, Chairman

Lana Dearborn

William Nickerson

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD, NH

COMPLETE TEXT
Proposed Amendments to the Town of Northfield
Zoning Ordinance
March 2003 Town Meeting

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to adopt proposed amendments to the Town of Northfield Zoning Ordinance on a separate ballot prepared for same.

Amendment #1 (Recommended by the Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7, Table #2 by removing the reduced side and rear setbacks for pre-existing non-conforming lots of record:

	<u>R-1</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>C/I</u>	<u>CONS</u>
Side and Rear Setback (pre-existing non-conforming lots of record)	10'	10'	10'	10'

The purpose of this amendment to promote the uniform application of setback requirements for all new construction.

Amendment #2 (Recommended by the Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 14, Non-Conforming Uses by :

Re-titling 14.1 to read Non-conforming Uses, Lots and Structures

Defining- Non-conforming Structures: Existing structures that do not meet the requirements of this ordinance due to height or setback requirements.

Adding- Repairs to Non-conforming Structures: Nothing in this section shall prevent the ordinary repair and maintenance of any lawfully established non-conforming structure.

Defining- Non-conforming Lots: A lot that is not contiguous to another lot owned by the same party that has less than the prescribed minimum area or frontage.

Re-defining- Non-conforming Use: Any building or land lawfully occupied by a use at the time of passage of this Ordinance, or amendment thereto, which does not conform to Article 7, Table #1 Uses by District.

The purpose of this amendment is to further clarify the distinction between non-conforming use, lots, and structures.

Amendment #3 **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7, Table #2, Note E as follows:

Note E- A back land lot used for a residential purpose shall have a minimum of 50 feet of road frontage ~~or have an easement of similar width such that each back land lot has a private access to a~~ on a class five (5) or better road.

The purpose of this amendment is to provide required legal consistency between the Town Ordinance the State Statutes. Currently this component of the ordinance does not comply with NH RSA 674:41.III.

Amendment #4 **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

To see if the Town will vote to include a reference to the date of the most recent Flood Insurance Rate Map, updated June 15, 1979, in the Floodplain Ordinance.

The purpose of this amendment is to meet National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Amendment #5 **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

To see if the Town will amend Article #7, Table #2, to add a note requiring that all multi-family residences with 3 or more units have an additional $\frac{1}{4}$ acre minimum lot size for each of the total units. The only change would be to include reference to the note at the bottom of the table for Multi-family Residences (4 Units or less) and to remove the existing note and replace it as follows:

~~* May be allowed at a density of no more than 1 unit per $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, excluding roads and open space.~~

* Add $\frac{1}{4}$ acre for each of the total number of units. For example, a 4 Unit Multi-family Residence in the R-1 Zone would require a minimum lot size of 2 acres plus and additional $\frac{1}{4}$ acre per unit ($\frac{1}{4} * 4 = 1$ acre) for a total minimum lot size of 3 acres.

The purpose of this amendment is to further clarify the additional requirements for minimum lots sizes for Multi-family Residences in the Ordinance.

Amendment #6 (Recommended by the Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to adopt an Interim Growth Management Ordinance for the period of one year placing a moratorium on residential building permit and subdivision activity as follows:

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD INTERIM GROWTH MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

1. Authority and Purpose

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to authority granted by NH RSA 674:23.

The Interim Growth Management Ordinance (IGMO) is intended to promote the orderly development of land within the Town and to promote the public health, safety, and

welfare of the residents of the Town.

2. Building Permit Limitations

No building permits for new dwelling units will be issued by Town of Northfield for the period of time from the date of posting of this proposed ordinance (December 21, 2002) until March 9, 2004. Provided, however, that lots of record shown by deed or recorded subdivision plan, prior to the date of posting of this ordinance (December 21, 2003), shall not be subject to this ordinance.

The provisions of this interim ordinance shall not apply to any residential subdivision or residential site plan application which has been formally accepted by the Planning Board prior to the first legal notice of the first public hearing on this proposed interim ordinance.

3. Administrative Procedures

The Selectmen are hereby authorized to establish administrative procedures necessary to implement this article. All such procedures shall be posted.

4. Appeals and Variances

Appeals and variances shall be handled in accordance with the Town of Northfield Zoning Ordinance.

5. Subdivisions and Multifamily Housing

The Planning Board shall not accept applications for a residential subdivision or a residential site plan review.

Developments for bona-fide, permanent affordable housing, as defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, or Housing for the Elderly shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance.

6. Conflicts

Where the provisions of this ordinance conflict with the provisions of any other ordinance or regulation, the more restrictive provisions which impose the higher standard shall control.

7. Severability

Should any part of this ordinance be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court, such holding shall not affect, impair, or invalidate any other part of this ordinance, and, to such end, all articles, sections, and provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

8. Adoption and Amendment

This ordinance may be adopted or amended in accordance with the procedures set forth in RSA 674:23.

9. Effective Dates

This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until 11:59 PM March 9, 2004.

The purpose of this amendment is to enact Interim Growth Management pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 674:23 and allow the town to give prompt attention to unusual circumstances of growth and pressures on municipal services as well as to complete the Master Plan and develop a growth management process under New Hampshire RSA 674:22.

Amendment #7 (Recommended by the Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to adopt an Impact Fee Ordinance, as Article 15 of the Town of Northfield Zoning Ordinance, permitting the Planning Board to assess impact

fees for off-site improvements required in the Subdivision and Site Plan Approval processes, as follows:

ARTICLE 15: IMPACT FEES

15.1 Purpose

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to RSA 674:21, and in order to: Promote the public health, safety and welfare and prosperity; Ensure that adequate and appropriate facilities are available to individuals who may come to be located in the Town of Northfield; Prevent scattered or premature development of land as would involve danger or injury to health, safety, or prosperity by reason of the lack of water supply, drainage, transportation, schools, fire protection, or other public services, or necessitate the excessive expenditure of public funds for the supply of such services; Provide for the harmonious development of the municipality and its environs; Ensure the proper arrangement and coordination of streets; and, Ensure streets of sufficient width to accommodate existing and prospective traffic.

15.2 Definitions

"Impact Fee" means a fee or assessment imposed upon development, including subdivision, building construction or other land-use change, in order to help meet the needs occasioned by the development for the construction or improvement of capital facilities owned or operated by the municipality, including and limited to water treatment and distribution facilities; wastewater treatment and disposal facilities; sanitary sewers; storm water, drainage and flood control facilities; public road systems and rights-of-way; municipal office facilities; public school facilities; the municipality's proportional share of capital facilities of a cooperative or regional school district of which the municipality is a member; public safety facilities; solid waste collection, transfer, recycling, processing and disposal

facilities; public libraries; and public recreation facilities, not including public open space.

15.3 Authority to Assess Impact Fees

The Planning Board is hereby authorized to assess impact fees, as herein defined, and in accordance with the standards herein set forth. The Planning Board shall have the authority to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this ordinance.

15.4 Assessment Methodology

The amount of any impact fee shall be a proportional share of municipal capital improvement costs which is reasonably related to the capital needs created by the development, and to the benefits accruing to the development from the capital improvements financed by the fee. Upgrading of existing facilities and infrastructures, the need for which is not created by new development, shall not be paid for by impact fees.

15.5 Administration of impact Fees

Each in fact impact fee shall be accounted for separately, shall be segregated from the Town's general fund, may be spent upon order of the governing body, and shall be used solely for the capital improvements for which it was collected, or to recoup the cost of capital improvements made in anticipation of the needs for which fees are collected to meet. All impact fees shall be assessed prior to, or as a condition for, the issuance of a building permit or other appropriate permission to proceed with development. Between the date of assessment and collection, the Planning Board may require developers to post security, in the form of a cash bond, letter of credit or performance bond so as to guaranty future payment of assessed impact fees. Impact fees shall be collected as a condition for the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy; provided however, in projects where offsite

improvements are to be constructed simultaneously with a project's development, and where the Town has appropriated the necessary funds to cover such portion of the work for which it will be responsible, the Town may advance the time of collection of the impact fee to the issuance of a building permit. The Planning Board and the assessed party may establish an alternate, mutually acceptable schedule of payment of impact fees.

15.6 Return of Impact Fees

If the full impact fee assessed under this ordinance is not encumbered or otherwise legally bound to be spent for the purpose for which it was collected within six years, the fee shall be refunded to the assessed party, with any accrued interest. Whenever the calculation of the impact fee has been predicated upon some portion of capital improvement costs being borne by the Town, a refund shall be made upon the failure of the Town Meeting to appropriate the Town's share of the capital improvement costs within six (6) years from the date of payment thereof.

15.7 Waivers

The Planning Board may waive the imposition of an impact fee upon written request of the developer or person assessed if the Board finds that good cause is demonstrated for such waiver. Prior to the approval of any such waiver, the Planning Board shall notify the public and the Selectmen and shall hold a public hearing on the waiver request. The burden shall be upon the person requesting waiver to demonstrate that it is in the public interest to do so and that good cause for the waiver exists.

15.8 Applicability

This ordinance shall not be deemed to affect the existing authority of the Planning Board over subdivisions and site plans, including, but not limited to the authority to declare a

development to be premature or scattered in accordance with the regulations of the Board and in accordance with RSA 674:36, II(a).

The purpose of this amendment is to enable the Planning Board to assess impact fees for development proposals on a case-by-case basis.

2003 Recommended Budget			Selectmen	Bud. Com.	
		2002	2002	2003	2003
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
					Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
EXECUTIVE					
	Selectmen's Wages	9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360
	Fica	580	580	580	580
	Medicare	140	136	140	140
	Professional Services	15,000	12,612	10,000	10,000
	Advertising	300	238	300	300
	Dues/Subs.	2,700	2,651	2,815	2,815
	Misc. Expense	500	114	500	500
TOTAL SELECTMEN		28,580	25,691	23,695	23,695
TOWN ADMINISTRATION					
	Town Admin. Wages	48,075	48,053	50,150	50,560
	Health Insurance	11,905	11,903	12,500	12,500
	Life/Disability Ins.	615	611	615	615
	Dental Insurance	330	327	345	345
	Fica	2,985	2,656	3,110	3,135
	Medicare	700	621	730	735
	ICMA Retirement	2,405	2,375	2,520	2,540
	Telephone	1,000	1,655	1,620	1,620
	Dues/Subs.	150	100	100	100
	Education/Seminars	200	0	200	200
	Office Supplies	125	125	125	125
	Postage	1,000	538	500	500
	Equip. Maint/Repairs	0	0	0	0
	New Equipment	0	0	0	0
TOTAL TOWN ADMIN.		69,490	68,964	72,515	72,975
TOWN MEETING					
	Moderator Wages	360	200	360	360
	Town Report	3,500	2,856	3,000	3,000
	General Supplies	0	0	0	0
TOTAL TOWN MEETING		3,860	3,056	3,360	3,360
TOWN CLERK					
	Town Clerk Wages	16,300	17,817	16,430	16,590
	Deputy Clerk Wages	7,735	7,826	8,720	8,850
	Health Insurance	5,520	5,509	4,630	4,630
	Life/Disability Ins...	250	236	230	230
	Dental Insurance	225	204	175	175
	Fica	1,005	1,536	1,560	1,580
	Medicare	235	359	365	370
	Group I Retirement	670	835	825	835
	Telephone	1,000	576	600	600
	Dues/Subs.	100	20	50	50
	Education/Seminars	500	526	500	500
	Office Supplies	600	373	500	500
	Postage	650	356	400	400
	Books/Periodicals	400	119	200	200
	Book Restoration	0	0	0	0
	Equip. Maint/Repairs	0	41	0	0
	Boat Registrations	5,400	70	0	0
	Hunting/Fishing Lic.	0	0	0	0
	OHRV Registrations	4,100	4,637	4,000	4,000
	Vital Statistics	2,100	2,279	2,100	2,100
	Dog Licenses	1,000	1,384	1,300	1,300
TOTAL TOWN CLERK		47,790	44,703	42,585	42,910
ELECTIONS/REGISTRATION					

2003 Recommended Budget				Selectmen	Bud. Com.	
		2002	2002	2003	2003	
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	Change
Elections - Ballot Clerks		875	783	300	300	
Supervisors of Checklist		1,110	1,020	750	750	
Advertising		350	416	350	350	
Printing Supplies		300	21	25	25	
Misc. Expense		500	410	150	150	
TOTAL ELECTIONS/REG.		3,135	2,650	1,575	1,575	
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION						
Tax Collector/Exec. Asst.		50,760	50,108	49,200	50,020	820
Deputy Tax Collector		7,735	7,657	8,725	8,850	125
Health Insurance		17,425	17,840	17,130	17,130	
Life/Disability Ins..		700	691	690	690	
Dental Insurance		540	531	520	520	
Fica		3,630	3,383	3,590	3,650	60
Medicare		850	791	840	855	15
Group I Retirement		2,170	2,172	2,470	2,515	45
Annual Audit		5,500	5,500	6,000	6,000	
Bank Services		0	0	0	0	
Telephone		1,000	1,112	1,000	1,000	
Recordings		1,200	1,134	1,200	1,200	
Tax Lien Research		1,500	0	1,500	1,500	
Tax Map Updates		2,500	1,500	2,500	2,500	
Dues/Subs.		500	519	500	500	
Education/Seminars		1,000	70	500	500	
Office Supplies		3,875	4,065	3,800	3,800	
Postage		4,800	4,683	3,000	3,000	
Community Newsletter		3,500	2,826	3,000	3,000	
Books/Periodicals		350	30	0	0	
Equipment		3,000	3,095	3,500	3,500	
TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMIN.		112,535	107,707	109,665	110,730	1,065
TREASURER						
Treasurer Salary		2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	
Fica		160	161	165	165	
Medicare		40	38	40	40	
TOTAL TREASURER		2,800	2,799	2,805	2,805	
DATA PROCESSING						
Data Processing Support		10,000	8,677	9,175	9,175	
Software Upgrade		0	0	4,650	4,650	
Supplies		0	968	0	0	
Hardware Upgrade		8,000	7,223	0	0	
Y2K Compliance/Upgrade		0	0	0	0	
TOTAL DATA PROCESSING		18,000	16,868	13,825	13,825	
TOTAL FORESTRY CREDIT		1,000	1,130	1,000	1,000	
TOTAL ASSESSING		53,500	12,940	15,000	15,000	
TOTAL LEGAL		20,000	9,996	10,000	10,000	
PLANNING & ZONING						
Part Time Wages		0	2,420	3,365	3,410	45
FICA		155	150	210	215	5
Medicare		40	35	50	50	
P/Z Professional Services		18,360	6,625	8,000	8,000	
Legal Expense		500	1,305	500	500	
Advertising		900	1,697	1,000	1,000	
Recordings		200	78	200	200	
Printing		0	0	0	0	
Dues/Subs.		100	350	300	300	
Education/Seminars		300	307	300	300	

2003 Recommended Budget				Selectmen	Bud. Com.	
		2002	2002	2003	2003	
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	Change
	Office Supplies	200	828	200	200	
	Postage	1,000	1,103	1,000	1,000	
	Lakes Region Planning	3,340	3,396	3,400	3,400	
	Master Plan Update	30,000	6,971	7,000	7,000	
	TOTAL PLANNING/ZONING	55,095	25,265	25,525	25,575	50
	GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS					
	Custodial Services	2,900	2,160	3,000	3,000	
	Electricity	3,025	2,529	3,000	3,000	
	Heating	3,370	2,786	3,000	3,000	
	Water/Sewer	1,815	736	700	700	
	Repairs/Maintenance	10,000	10,553	5,000	5,000	
	TOTAL GOVT. BLDGS.	21,110	18,764	14,700	14,700	
	CEMETERIES					
	Cemetery Wages	0	2,066	0	0	
	Fica	0	128	0	0	
	Medicare	0	30	0	0	
	Groundskeeping	4,000	0	4,000	4,000	
	Park Cemetery	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	
	TOTAL CEMETERIES	5,750	3,974	5,750	5,750	
	INSURANCE					
	Unemployment Insurance	1,285	1,412	1,735	1,735	
	Workers Comp. Insurance	25,000	23,223	26,000	26,000	
	Property/Liability Ins.	27,000	27,882	29,000	29,000	
	Insurance Reimbursements	22,490	28,489	31,315	31,315	
	TOTAL INSURANCE	75,775	81,006	88,050	88,050	
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVT.	518,420	425,513	430,050	431,950	1,900
	PUBLIC SAFETY					
	POLICE DEPARTMENT					
	Full Time Wages	345,470	344,112	358,550	362,540	3,990
	Part Time Wages	41,600	41,173	36,500	41,600	5,100
	Special Detail	31,200	26,310	31,200	31,200	
	Overtime	20,800	17,416	20,800	20,800	
	Holiday Pay	10,970	9,656	11,525	11,760	235
	Health Insurance	80,660	82,358	86,010	86,010	
	Life/Disability Ins.	4,765	5,334	4,890	4,890	
	Dental Insurance	2,940	2,940	2,750	2,750	
	Fica	4,410	4,370	4,160	4,500	340
	Medicare	6,540	6,021	6,650	6,790	140
	Group I Retirement	1,225	1,249	1,535	1,555	20
	Group II Retirement	20,195	19,535	25,840	26,095	255
	Legal Expenses	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
	Data Processing	0	0	5,000	5,000	
	Telephone	8,000	8,123	8,000	8,000	
	Custodial Services	3,800	3,120	3,500	3,500	
	Dispatch Services	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	
	Dues/Subs.	2,000	1,105	3,500	3,500	
	Uniforms	5,300	4,125	5,300	5,300	
	Office Supplies	2,000	1,135	2,000	2,000	
	Postage	500	457	500	500	
	Vehicle Repairs/Maint.	5,300	6,333	5,300	5,300	
	Gasoline	12,000	11,631	12,000	12,000	
	Building Maintenance	2,000	2848	2,000	2,000	
	Electricity/Heat	4,000	4,059	4,000	4,000	

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		2002	2002	2003	2003	
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	Change
	Water/Sewer	800	652	800	800	
	Departmental Supplies	5,200	7,067	5,200	5,200	
	Equip. Maint/Repairs	2,700	1,621	2,000	2,000	
	New Equipment	5,000	3,423	3,500	3,500	
	Training	5,000	4,910	5,000	5,000	
	TOTAL POLICE DEPT.	652,375	639,083	676,010	686,090	10,080
	FIRE DEPARTMENT					
	Health Ins. Reim.	29,895	32,945	36,370	36,370	
	Dispatch Services	12,750	15,229	18,630	18,630	
	Forest Fires	400	0	100	100	
	TOTAL FIRE DEPT.	43,045	48,174	55,100	55,100	
	CODE ENFORCEMENT					
	CEO Wages	12,085	13,084	15,900	16,060	160
	Fica	755	811	990	995	5
	Medicare	180	190	235	235	
	Dues/Subs.	50	50	50	50	
	Education/Seminars	50	0	50	50	
	Printing	200	0	200	200	
	Office Supplies	150	177	150	150	
	Postage	50	26	50	50	
	Mileage Reimbursement	1,000	1,180	1,000	1,000	
	TOTAL CODE ENFORCEMENT	14,520	15,518	18,625	18,790	165
	TOTAL EMERGENCY MGT.	100	0	100	100	
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	710,040	702,775	749,835	760,080	10,245
	HIGHWAYS/STREETS/SANITATION					
	HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION					
	Full time Wages	254,680	250,543	260,700	264,675	3,975
	Part time Wages	19,760	17,630	19,760	19,760	
	Overtime	30,000	33,312	35,000	35,000	
	Health Insurance	67,900	67,761	61,915	61,915	
	Life/Disability Ins.	3,900	3,976	3,580	3,775	195
	Medical Expense	675	920	900	900	
	Dental Insurance	3,270	3,031	3,180	3,180	
	Fica	18,875	17,869	19,600	19,805	205
	Medicare	4,415	4,179	4,575	4,635	60
	Group I Retirement	12,735	12,747	16,040	16,255	215
	Telephone	1,650	1,740	1,650	1,650	
	Electricity	3,150	2,703	3,000	3,000	
	Heating	1,000	171	500	500	
	Water	500	433	500	500	
	Vehicle Maint/Repairs	26,100	18,233	26,100	20,000	-6,100
	Advertising	600	363	600	600	
	Dues/Subs.	110	84	110	110	
	Education/Seminars	500	690	500	500	
	General Supplies	7,000	7,239	7,000	7,000	
	Safety Shoes	675	375	675	675	
	Radio Maintenance	500	80	500	500	
	Office Supplies	1,300	1,281	500	500	
	Welding Supplies	850	803	850	850	
	Bldg. Maint./Repairs	4,000	868	4,000	4,000	
	Mileage Reimbursement	100	0	100	100	
	TOTAL HIGHWAY ADMIN.	464,245	447,031	471,835	470,385	-1,450

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		2002	2002	2003	2003	
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	Change
ROAD MAINTENANCE						
Vehicle Fuel		17,605	16,605	17,500	17,500	
Diesel Fuel		14,800	12,327	14,800	14,800	
Tires		2,500	1,962	2,500	2,500	
Oil/filters		2,000	1,494	2,000	2,000	
Salt		30,000	29,471	30,000	30,000	
Winter Sand		3,000	3,016	3,000	3,000	
Misc. Materials		1,200	3,250	1,200	1,200	
Sand		0	0	0	0	
Bank Run Gravel		1,500	2,178	1,500	1,500	
Gravel Mud Season		5,000	3,589	5,000	5,000	
Gravel Road Construc.		6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	
Cold Patch		1,500	147	1,500	1,500	
Pavement Sealing		12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	
Pavement Shimming		20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Pavement Recycling		75,000	86,996	75,000	43,000	-32,000
New Pavement		20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Dust Control		4,000	5,280	4,500	4,500	
Drainage/Culverts/Pipes		2,200	1,788	2,200	2,200	
Pavement Overlay		55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	
Guardrails/Signs/Posts		3,000	1,908	3,000	3,000	
Sidewalk Construction		3,500	0	0	0	
TOTAL ROAD CONSTR.		279,805	283,011	276,700	244,700	-32,000
TOTAL BRIDGE MAINT.		2,000	0	2,000	2,000	
TOTAL STREET LIGHTS		10,250	8,207	9,750	9,750	
TOTAL CONTRACTED SERV		8,100	8,678	11,000	11,000	
TOTAL HWYS & STREETS		764,400	746,927	771,285	737,835	-33,450
SANITATION ADMINISTRATION						
Wages		22,905	25,603	23,810	24,045	235
Fica		1,420	1,543	1,480	1,495	15
Medicare		335	361	345	350	5
Telephone		410	442	425	425	
Electricity		1,200	1,112	1,300	1,300	
Heating		300	7	300	300	
Advertising/Notices		0	228	150	150	
Education/Seminars		500	270	500	500	
TOTAL SANITATION ADMIN.		27,070	29,566	28,310	28,565	255
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION						
Groundwater Monitoring		1,000	454	500	500	
Landfill costs		16,200	14,136	16,200	16,200	
Maint. & Repairs		3,000	3,749	1,000	1,000	
Collection Contract		61,950	62,156	65,050	65,050	
Hazardous Waste		2,500	2,122	2,000	2,000	
TOTAL COLLECTION		84,650	82,617	84,750	84,750	
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL						
Transportation		18,300	15,605	18,300	18,300	
Recycling Improvements		3,000	5,347	1,000	1,000	
Incinerator Contract		110,740	104,774	148,630	148,630	
Trucking Contingency		1,000	371	1,000	1,000	
Metal Disposal		1,200	1,437	1,400	1,400	
Tire Disposal		500	0	500	500	
Asphalt Shingle disposal		4,600	4,190	4,600	4,600	
TOTAL DISPOSAL		139,340	131,724	175,430	175,430	

2003 Recommended Budget			Selectmen	Bud. Com.	
	2002	2002	2003	2003	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	Change
SEWER COLLECTION & DISPOSAL					
Wages	0	389	1,400	1,400	
Fica	0	24	90	90	
Medicare	0	6	25	25	
Repairs/Maint.	700	0	0	0	
WRBP Capital Expense	5,280	5,223	5,225	5,225	
WRBP Administrative Exp.	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL SEWER	5,980	5,642	6,740	6,740	
TOTAL SANITATION	257,040	249,549	295,230	295,485	255
TOTAL HIGHWAY & SANITATION	1,021,440	996,476	1,066,515	1,033,320	-33,195
HEALTH & WELFARE					
TOTAL HEALTH OFFICER	100	10	100	100	
ANIMAL CONTROL					
Wages	3,500	3,217	4,100	4,100	
Fica	220	199	260	260	
Medicare	55	47	60	60	
Contracted Services	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	
Miscellaneous	125	0	125	125	
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	5,700	5,263	6,345	6,345	
AREA AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS					
Visiting Nurse Association	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	
Lakes Region Family Service	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	
Lakes Region Comm. Serv.	300	300	300	300	
Youth Assistance Program	44,155	22,153	46,715	46,715	
Community Action Program	8,645	8,643	8,990	8,990	
Youth Opportunities	0	0	7,500	7,500	
TOTAL AREA AGENCIES	67,100	45,096	77,505	77,505	
WELFARE					
Administrator Salary	13,760	13,756	14,470	14,530	60
Fica	855	853	900	905	5
Medicare	200	200	210	215	5
Education/Seminars	165	114	165	165	
Office Supplies	250	581	250	250	
Postage	50	30	50	50	
Vendor Payments	50,000	29,318	40,000	40,000	
TOTAL WELFARE	65,280	44,852	56,045	56,115	70
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	138,180	95,221	139,995	140,065	70
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Arch Park Maintenance	1,200	630	1,200	1,200	
Beach Telephone	660	886	800	800	
Town Beach Maintenance	1,000	380	1,000	1,000	
Pines Maintenance	1,360	1,020	1,360	1,360	
Electricity	1,100	536	1,100	1,100	
Island Maintenance	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	
TOTAL PARKS	7,320	5,452	7,460	7,460	
HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY	76,195	76,195	76,195	81,195	5,000
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	350	350	350	350	
OLD HOME DAY	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	
T/N RECREATION COUNCIL	47,100	47,100	40,000	45,000	5,000

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		2002	2002	2003	2003	
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	Change
TOTAL CULTURE & REC.						
		133,465	131,597	126,505	136,505	10,000
	Conservation	1,100	599	1,000	1,000	
	Knowles Pond	1,750	1,377	1,000	1,000	
TOTAL CONSERVATION						
		2,850	1,976	2,000	2,000	
TOTAL ECON. DEVELOP.						
		12,000	81,474	100	100	
DEBT SERVICE						
	Principal	57,835	57,834	50,000	50,000	
	Interest	23,420	23,418	20,690	20,690	
	Tan Interest	40,000	36,759	40,000	40,000	
	Truck/Tractor Lease	24,080	24,079	24,080	24,080	
	Cruiser Lease	10,420	10,417	27,165	27,165	
	10 Wheeler Lease	0	0	0	0	
	Loader Lease	0	0	27190	27190	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE						
		155,755	152,507	189,125	189,125	
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
LAND						
	Purchase Carr Pit	0	0	0	0	
	Knowles Pond CA	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL LAND						
		0	0	0	0	
EQUIPMENT						
	Police Cruiser	13,500	13,117	14,000	14,000	
	Police Cruiser 4 x 4	14,000	13,721	0	0	
	Motor Cycle Lease	2,250	2,250	1,250	1,250	
	Computer Upgrade	34,000	37,028	0	0	
	Camera Equipment	1,000	1,040	0	0	
	Farm Tractor	0	0	0	0	
	Used Tag Along Trailer	0	0	0	0	
	Dump Truck	0	0	0	0	
	One Ton 4x4	0	0	0	0	
	Communication Equip.	0	0	0	0	
	Loader	27,315	27,188	0	0	
	Skid Sprayer	0	0	0	0	
	Telephone System Upgrade	0	0	0	0	
	Used Sweeper	0	0	0	0	
	Highway Garage Addition	0	0	0	0	
	10 Wheel Truck	0	0	0	0	
	Snow Plow	0	0	0	0	
	Mower Head	0	0	0	0	
	Recycling Equipment	29,000	0	0	0	
	Back Hoe Repairs	0	0	17,815	17,815	
	Tank Protection	3,000	1,625	1,000	1,000	
TOTAL EQUIPMENT						
		124,065	95,969	34,065	34,065	
BUILDINGS						
	Library	0	0	0	0	
	Salt Shed	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL BUILDINGS						
		0	0	0	0	
ROAD IMPROVEMENTS						

2003 Recommended Budget				Selectmen	Bud. Com.	
		2002	2002	2003	2003	
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	Change
Shaker Road		0	0	0	0	
Fellows Hill Rd. Repairs		2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	
Arch Park Drainage		0	0	0	0	
Howard Ave. Drainage		0	0	0	0	
Hodgdon Road Drainage		0	2,316	0	0	
Dearborn/Park SAH		70,000	22,026	0	0	
Bay Hill Reconstruction		0	0	0	0	
Turnpike Road		107,000	70,030	0	0	
Forrest Road Improvements		0	0	50,000	50,000	
Knowles Pond Road		0	0	0	0	
TOTAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS		179,000	96,372	52,000	52,000	
OTHER IMPROVEMENTS						
Multi Purpose Trail		260,000	0	0	0	
Town Beach		130,000	0	0	0	
Union Church Repairs		0	0	15,000	15,000	
Conservation Easements		0	0	0	0	
TOTAL OTHER IMPROVEMENTS		390,000	0	15,000	15,000	
BRIDGES						
Knowles Bridge		0	0	0	0	
Twin Bridge		0	0	0	0	
TOTAL BRIDGES		0	0	0	0	
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY		693,065	192,341	101,065	101,065	
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS						
Shaker Road Fund		0	0	0	0	
Highway Dump Truck		0	0	0	0	
Highway Loader		0	0	0	0	
Revaluation Fund		2,500	2,500	1,000	1,000	
Library Fund		0	0	0	0	
Knowles Pond Fund		0	0	0	0	
Comm. Equip. Fund		0	0	0	0	
Salt Shed Fund		25,000	25,000	0	0	
SAR		20,000	20,000	0	0	
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES		47,500	47,500	1,000	1,000	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		3,432,715	2,827,380	2,806,190	2,795,210	-10,980

2003 Recommended Budget - Revenues				
			Selectmen	Bud. Com.
	2002	2002	2003	2003
	Original	Actual	Revenue	Revenue
	Estimate	Receipts	Estimate	Estimate
Current Use Penalty	4,000	0	15,375	15,375
Current Use Penalty Prior Year	0	4,978	0	0
Timber Yield Tax Current Year	10,000	29,042	15,000	15,000
Timber Yield Tax Prior Year	0	1,804	0	0
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	14,000	2,000	20,000	20,000
Interest on Property Taxes	58,500	31,957	32,000	32,000
Interest on Current Use Penalty	0	172	0	0
Interest on Timber Yield Tax	0	0	0	0
Excavation Tax	1,000	403	0	0
Excavation Activity Tax	0	460	0	0
Total Taxes & Interest	87,500	70,815	82,375	82,375
Licenses/Permits/Fees	17,800	2,741	2,700	2,700
Cable Franchise Fee	0	16,676	17,000	17,000
UCC Filings	0	2,015	2,000	2,000
Motor Vehicle Registrations	566,440	562,553	562,000	562,000
Motor Vehicle Titles	0	2,198	2,200	2,200
Municipal Agent Fees	0	14,621	15,000	15,000
Boat Registrations	0	1,956	2,000	2,000
OHRV Registrations	0	4,805	4,800	4,800
Building Permits	11,945	7,920	7,000	7,000
Dog Licenses	0	2,772	3,000	3,000
Vital Statistics	0	3,472	3,000	3,000
Other Licenses & Permits	5,975	63	50	50
Hunting/Fishing Licenses	0	0	0	0
Total Licenses/Permits/Fees	602,160	621,792	620,750	620,750
COPS Fast Reimbursement	30,000	25,543	0	0
DOJ Grant Reimbursement	0	908	0	0
NH Share Revenue Block Grant	177,150	195,363	195,000	195,000
Highway Block Grant	91,865	92,766	97,700	97,700
Forest/Railroad Land Reimbursen	30	47	50	50
NHDOT SAR Reimbursement	0	30,382	0	0
Municipal Bridge Program	0	0	0	0
Other Reimbursement	368,700	0	0	0
Disaster Relief	14,000	17,001	0	0
CDBG Grant	0	34,243	0	0
Waste Oil Grant	0	0	0	0
LWCF Grant	0	0	0	0
Highway Safety Grant	0	1,250	1,250	1,250
NH DOT Trails Grant	0	0	0	0
Total Government Revenue	681,745	397,504	294,000	294,000
Misc. Sales	53,915	879	900	900
Police Dept. Special Detail	0	48,436	35,000	35,000
Welfare Reimbursements	0	9,186	3,000	3,000
Sewer Commission Reimburseme	0	447	1,600	1,600

2003 Recommended Budget - Revenues				
	2002	2002	Selectmen	Bud. Com.
	Original	Actual	2003	2003
	Estimate	Receipts	Revenue	Revenue
			Estimate	Estimate
Planning Board Fees	0	7,375	7,300	7,300
Solid Waste Fees	0	9,981	10,000	10,000
Sale of Recyclables	0	4,369	4,000	4,000
Sale of Metal	0	835	800	800
Other Charges	7,835	4,095	20,000	20,000
Better Assessment Current Year	0	2,169	0	0
Better Assessment Prior Year	0	3,236	0	0
Sale of Town Property	1,000	17,103	1,500	1,500
Interest - Checking Account	30,800	2,035	17,000	17,000
Interest - NHPDIP Account	0	0	2,000	2,000
Rental of Town Property	0	0	0	0
Fines & Forfeits	0	3,530	3,500	3,500
Insurance Reimbursements	0	7,954	4,500	4,500
Property Liability Ins. Reimbursements	0	0	0	0
Other Reimbursements	78,755	71,279	68,000	68,000
Gasoline Reimbursements	0	16,276	16,000	16,000
Donations	0	27,961	100	100
Transfers from Trust Funds	30,000	0	0	0
Proceeds from Notes	0	0	0	0
Unreserved Fund Balance				
Total Other Revenue	202,305	237,144	195,200	195,200
Total Revenue	1,573,710	1,327,254	1,192,325	1,192,325

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Once again the Selectmen would like to thank all of the Town employees and everyone who volunteers their time to serve on the various town boards and committees.

The former Surrrette Battery Site remains an ongoing developmental project as we are still waiting for the NH Department of Environmental Services to provide a remedial action plan for the site. Meanwhile, the Board has looked into the feasibility of various options, for example an assisted living facility for the elderly. We have decided that a recreational park will provide the greatest public benefit for redevelopment of the site as there is a need for open space (especially along the river corridor) as well as the need for ball fields, soccer fields, ice skating, etc. We are working with the Winnepesaukee River Multi Purpose Trail Committee to obtain grants for design of the park.

We were finally successful in being awarded a Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund grant that will cover one half of the cost of the Sandogardy Pond Town Beach Improvement Project. We have received a NH DES Wetland Permit and Septic System approval. As soon as we receive final authorization from the US Park Service, we can put the construction project out to bid. We look forward to watching this needed and well deserved project develop over the coming year.

The dramatic increase in our tax rate and the ensuing response from residents has caused us great concern. The Town's increase was due to many one-time expenditures such as the Master Plan Update, Property Assessment Update, Capital Expenditures, and Turnpike Road Reconstruction, just to name a few. Also, actual revenues received were below our original estimates. The good news is the Recommended Budget for 2003 is less than 2002. However, one area we would direct your attention is the ever increasing cost of refuse disposal. This is an area in which everyone can help. We encourage each resident to take advantage of our Recycling Center because every bit we can eliminate from the incinerator, the lower our disposal costs which makes up a significant portion of our town tax rate. The Board will continue to look at other means to offset increasing the disposal costs.

The Community Forums held in Fall of 2002 and the Community Survey completed as part of the updating of the Master Plan have been extremely informative and helpful to us. The Board expresses our thanks to all of you who took the time to respond. Some of the findings were: Many people in

Northfield feel the Town is experiencing increased growth in terms of both population and residential development. A slightly greater proportion of the survey respondents indicated that more growth controls are needed. Property taxes, a lack of industrial development, and excessive housing development are serious problems. Despite the lack of industrial and commercial development, there is concern over the loss of farmland and open space. The rural character and sense of community in Northfield are identified as important and something not to be lost. The quality of the water resources, the protection of river shorelines, the preservation of wildlife habitat, and the protection of historic buildings and sites are also important to those who responded to the survey. The complete text of the Community Survey is available at the Town Clerk's Office. Please be assured we will heed your suggestions and concerns as we plan for the future. We regard the survey information as a great tool for all the Town's Boards and Committees to use.

The Selectmen meet every Tuesday evening at the Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. We appreciate it when residents attend our meetings. We will have a number of vacancies to fill on various Town Boards and Committees so please contact us if you are interested - your involvement can make a difference.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Brown, Chairman
Lana Dearborn
William Nickerson
Northfield Board of Selectmen

2002 NORTHFIELD, NH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The 2002 annual Town Meeting of Northfield, NH was called to order by Moderator Scott McGuffin at 10:00 a.m. March 12, 2002 at the Northfield Town Hall. The ballot box was inspected, the warrant was read and the ballot clerks were sworn in. Voting was terminated at 7:00 p.m. with 220 ballots cast. The results of the voting were:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town officers and School District Officers for the ensuing year.

For Selectman	
Glen Brown.....	195
For Moderator	
Scott McGuffin.....	196
For Treasurer	
Roland Seymour.....	198
For Town Clerk/Tax Collector	
Judy Huckins.....	212
For Trustee of Trust Funds	
Eliza Conde.....	22
For Supervisor of Checklist	
Barbara Foster.....	1

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendments to the Town of Northfield Zoning Ordinance.

Amendment #1.....	Yes 152	No 46
Amendment #2.....	Yes 157	No 43
Amendment #3.....	Yes 163	No 26
Amendment #4.....	Yes 173	No 26
Amendment #5.....	Yes 179	No 22
Amendment #6.....	Yes 167	No 27
Amendment #7.....	Yes 150	No 48
Amendment #8.....	Yes 159	No 30
Amendment #9.....	Yes 161	No 32
Amendment #10.....	Yes 167	No 28

Amendment #11.....	Yes 158	No 30
Amendment #12.....	Yes 164	No 31
Amendment #13.....	Yes 120	No 68
Amendment #14.....	Yes 137	No 48

The annual Town Meeting was called to order again by Moderator Scott McGuffin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday March 16, 2002 at the Pines Community Center to act upon the following articles.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reclassification of Shaker Road (Class II State Highway) as a Class V Town Highway. This request is from the NH Department of Transportation to have The Town assume the ownership and maintenance of the state portion of Shaker Road. (Majority Vote required).

Motion made by Scott Hilliard seconded by Linda Pardy. Road Agent Albert Cross spoke about this article, explaining what the intentions were. He recommended that that we accept this article. After several questions the article passed.

Rose Welch moved to move Article #8 to just before Article #19 seconded by Leif Ellingson. Vote: Yes - 58 No – 44. Motion passed article #8 was moved.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reclassification of Bay Hill Road (Class II State Highway) as a Class V Town Highway. This request is from the Department of Transportation to have the Town assume the ownership and maintenance of the state portion of Bay Hill Road. (Majority Vote required).

Motion made by Aurlow Stanley, seconded by Leif Ellingson. Move the question. Article passed.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of

Northfield Solid Waste Management Ordinance so that commercial establishments are responsible for paying the tipping fee for their refuse disposal at the Concord Resource Recovery Facility – Penacook Incinerator. (Majority Vote required).

Motion made by Aurlow Stanley, seconded by Leif Martinson. Dave Court asked to have commercial establishments defined. Joyce Fulweiler explained this to him. After several more questions article passed.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept a 16 acre parcel of wetlands off Wethersfield Drive (Tax Map R15 Lot 47), said lot was created for conservation purposes when the Wethersfield Subdivision was approved by the Northfield Planning Board (Majority vote Required).

Motion made by Glen Brown, seconded by Dave Liberatore. After questions of where Wethersfield was located, article passed.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with RSA 70-A:25, II to place 100% of the revenues of all future payment collected under the Land Use Change Tax in the Northfield conservation Fund which was created in FY 2000 in accordance with RSA 36-A:5. Revenues shall be deposited in the Northfield Conservation Fund at the time of collection. This action shall take effect in the tax year beginning April 1, 2002 and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by the Town Meeting. Such monies shall be held by the Town Treasurer. The Selectmen shall be named as agents to expend said funds with the recommendation of the Conservation commission. This request is submitted by petition. (Majority Vote required). This article is not recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Motion made by Glen Brown, seconded by George Corliss. Cathy Thibault explained the reasoning behind this article, giving the Town the ability to purchase land or easements if the became available. Aurlow Stanley submitted an amendment to change percentage from 100% to 20% of revenues of land use change tax the amendment was seconded. Vote on amendment Yes – 72 No - 49. After numerous discussions, Article 7 passed as amended.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into town year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a replacement cruiser for the Police department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500 as the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease/purchase agreement contains a non-appropriation clause. (Majority Vote required). This article is recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Motion made by Scott Hilliard, seconded by Aurlow Stanley. Scott Hilliard explained that this cruiser would replace the oldest cruiser they currently have. Don Stevens asked the question of how many miles were on the cruiser they were replacing. John Raffaelly stated that there would be over 100,000 miles on the cruiser when it was replaced. Article passed.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a two year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a replacement 4x4 model cruiser for the Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease/purchase agreement contains a non-appropriation clause. (Majority Vote required). This article is recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Motion made by Scott Hilliard, seconded by Aurlow Stanley. Article passed.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a replacement Loader CAT Model 924G for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,315 as the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease/purchase agreement contains a non-appropriation clause. (Majority Vote required). This article is recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Motion made by Scott Hilliard, seconded by Steve Randall. Albert Cross explained that this loader would replace the 15-year loader the town currently has. Don Stevens questioned the bidding process and asked how this vehicle was selected. Albert Cross, Road Agent responded to the question. Article passed.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Loader Capital Reserve Fund created in 1999 and transfer the principal and interest to the General fund. (Majority Vote required). This article is recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Motion made by Aurlow Stanley, seconded by Albert Cross. Article passed.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 for the "Park Street State Aid Highway Project" for the purpose of constructing intersection improvements at Park Street/Dearborn Road/Sargent Street and sidewalk extension on Park Street and a sewer line extension. This is a special warrant article and shall not lapse until the project is completed or

until December 31, 2004, whichever occurs first.
Explanatory note: Last year the Town meeting appropriated \$30,000 for this project to be carried over to FY 2002. This special warrant article is to raise the balance of the Town's 1/3 share and to extend the sewer line from Sargent Street to Park Street. Construction to commence in 2002. (Majority Vote required). This article is recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Motion made by Scott Hilliard, seconded by Lana Dearborn. Albert Cross, Road Agent explained the scope of work. Article passed.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$260,000 for the purpose of municipally managing a NH Department of Transportation Grant to construct the Winnepesaukee River Multi Purpose Trail from Franklin through Northfield. This project is part of the State's 10-year highway plan and has no impact on the tax rate; it is completely offset by \$208,000 from NHDOT and \$52,000 in donations. (Majority Vote required). This article is recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Motion made by Joyce Fulweiler, seconded by Leif Martinson. Article passed.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 for the purpose of the Sandogardy Pond Town Beach Improvement Project, said project is subject to receipt of a \$65,000 grant from the NH Department of Resources & Economic Development's Federal Land and Water Conservation Grant Program. **Explanatory Note:** This warrant article was

approved in 2001 conditioned upon receipt of the LWCF Grant. The Town did not receive the Grant in FY 2001; there the Town is reapplying for the Grant in FY 2002. (Majority Vote required). This article is recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Motion made by Joyce Fulweiler, seconded by Scott Hilliard. Article passed.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$107,000 for the purpose of reconstructing Turnpike Road from Bay Hill to Reservoir Road. (Majority Vote required). This article is recommended by the Selectmen and not recommended by Budget Committee).

Motion made by Albert Cross, seconded by Eliza Conde. Albert Cross, Road Agent explained the scope of work. Article passed.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$158,000 for the purpose of reconstructing Knowles Pond Road from Bay Hill Road to the intersection of Shaker Road. (Majority Vote Required). This article is recommended by the Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Committee.

Motion made by Joyce Fulweiler, seconded by Lana Dearborn.
Motion to table to next year's Town Meeting by Dan King.
Seconded. Motion to table passed.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$159,300 and authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a purchase and sale agreement for a conservation/agricultural easement on property surrounding Knowles Pond. Once the terms and a purchase price have been

negotiated, the Selectmen will seek grants and donations to offset the acquisition cost. (Majority Vote required). This article is recommended by the Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Committee.

Motion made by Glen Brown, seconded by Eliza Conde.

Amendment made by Joyce Fulweiler to delete the words "raise and appropriate the sum of \$159,300 and". Seconded. Joyce explained that monies would come from grants. Amendment passed. Article passed as amended.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100 to be added back into the budget of the Tilton/Northfield Recreation Council. This request is submitted by petition. (Majority Vote required). This article is not recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Motion made by Dave Libertore, seconded by Linda Luedke. After much discussion, vote taken Yes - 97 No - 29 article passed.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,323,615 which represents the Budget Committee's recommended operating budget of the posted budget (MS-7) and pass any vote in relation thereto. This amount includes the appropriations in all other warrant articles with the exception of Articles 7, 8, 16, 17 and 18. (Majority Vote required).

Steve Randall amended article to read \$3,432,715 which takes into account Articles #8 and 16. Seconded. Article 19 passed as amended.

Article 20. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize the Tax Collector to discount by two percent (2%) any

amount in property taxes due when said taxes due when said taxes are paid within 30 days of the date of billing. (Majority Vote required).

Article passed.

Article 21. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Albert Cross pointed out there was a sign up sheet for a building committee for the Town Garage.

Steve Randall recommended to the Selectmen that the TN Recreation Council conduct an audit prior to the Selectmen disbursing any funds.

Dick Maher asked that anyone interested in signing up for the N/T Economic Development Committee to let him know.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy A. Huckins, Town Clerk

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Northfield
Northfield, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Northfield as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Northfield has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Northfield as of

December 31, 2001, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Northfield taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Northfield. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzick and Sanderson
Professional Association

February 7, 2002

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 15, 2002**

DEBITS	2002 LEVY	2001 LEVY
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year:		
Property Tax		\$365,200.81
Land Use Change Tax		4,977.66
Betterment Tax		2,859.20
Excavation Tax		2,383.12
Yield Tax		2,364.45
Sewer		7,358.06
Highland's Village District		4,056.00
Taxes Committed During the Year:		
Property Tax	\$4,368.05	
Current Use Tax		
Betterment Tax		
Excavation Tax	402.64	
Yield Tax	5,591.45	
Sewer	26,056.95	
Highland's Village District	9,360.00	
Over Payment Property Tax	12,614.52	
Interest Collected for Delinquent Tax:		3,099.82
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$58,393.61	\$392,299.12

CREDITS	2002 LEVY	2001 LEVY
Remitted to Treasurer:		
Property Tax	\$1,985.93	109,794.30
Land Use Change Tax		1,429.60
Betterment Tax		2,557.66
Excavation Tax		1,507.84
Yield Tax	1,791.76	2,225.95
Sewer	23,806.40	1,398.00
Highland's Village District	7,722.00	3,099.82
Interest - Credit Property Tax	12,614.52	
Discounts Allowed		2.00
Abatements Made		
Property Tax		2,502.58
Excavation Activity Tax		2,383.12
Property Deeded to Town		72.22
Uncollected Taxes at End of Year:		
Property Tax	2,382.12	252,829.71
Betterment Tax		1,429.60
Land Use Change Tax		2,420.00
Yield Tax	3,799.69	856.61
Sewer	2,250.55	5,132.11
Highland's Village District	1,638.00	2,658.00
Excavation Tax	402.64	
TOTAL CREDITS:	58,393.61	\$392,299.12

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 15, 2002**

DEBITS	2000 LEVY	1999 LEVY	Up to 1998 LEVIES
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Year:	\$77,306.23	\$31,258.46	\$5,264.77
Interest	974.39	2,458.51	396.49
TOTAL DEBITS	\$78,280.62	\$33,716.97	\$5,661.26

CREDITS	2000 LEVY	1999 LEVY	Up to 1998 LEVIES
Redemptions	\$10,315.07	\$10,286.59	\$1,146.56
Interest	974.39	2,458.51	396.49
Deeded to Town	108.47	109.04	116.15
Unredeemed Liens Balance at End of Year:	66,882.69	20,862.83	4,002.06
TOTAL CREDITS	\$78,280.62	\$33,716.97	\$5,661.26

Respectfully Submitted:

Eliza H. Conde, Tax Collector
Judy Huckins, Deputy Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002**

DEBITS	2002 LEVY	2001 LEVY
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year:		
Property Tax		\$252,829.71
Land Use Change Tax		\$2,420.00
Betterment Tax		\$1,429.60
Excavation Tax		
Yield Tax		\$856.61
Sewer		\$5,132.11
Highland's Village District		\$2,658.00
Taxes Committed During the Year:		
Property Tax	\$5,497,141.69	\$2,382.12
Current Use Tax	2,470.00	
Betterment Tax	8,190.14	
Excavation Tax	402.64	
Yield Tax	28,743.49	
Sewer	75,795.53	
Highland's Village District	29,718.00	
Over Payment Property Tax	14,599.24	
Interest Collected for Delinquent	2,970.70	\$22,609.87
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$5,660,031.43	\$290,318.32

CREDITS	2002 LEVY	2001 LEVY
Remitted to Treasurer:		
Property Tax	\$4,877,581.22	\$96,166.93
Land Use Change Tax	\$0.00	\$2,420.00
Betterment Tax	\$4,095.07	\$714.80
Excavation Tax	\$402.64	
Yield Tax	\$27,141.84	\$396.11
Sewer	\$69,818.50	\$5,132.11
Highland's Village District	\$25,776.00	\$2,658.00
Interest Collected	\$2,970.70	\$22,609.87
Discounts Allowed	\$78,818.80	
Conversion to Tax Lie		\$158,851.40
Abatements Made:		
Property Tax	\$100.00	\$1,369.10
Excavation Activity Tax	\$156.06	
Property Deeded to Town		
Uncollected Taxes at End of Year:		
Property Tax	\$555,240.91	
Betterment Tax	\$4,095.07	
Land Use Change Tax	\$2,470.00	
Yield Tax	\$1,601.65	
Sewer	\$5,820.97	
Highland's Village District	\$3,942.00	
Excavation Tax		
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$5,660,031.43	\$290,318.32

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002**

DEBITS	2001 LEVY	2000 LEVY	Up to 1999 LEVIES
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Year:		\$66,882.69	\$24,864.89
Liens Executed during year	\$181,875.60		
Interest	\$1,619.78	\$3,596.37	\$11,222.02
TOTAL DEBITS	\$183,495.38	\$70,479.06	\$36,086.91

CREDITS	\$2,001.00 LEVY	\$2,000.00 LEVY	Up to 1999 LEVIES
Redemptions	\$39,040.13	\$25,708.21	\$21,707.50
Interest	\$1,619.78	\$3,596.37	\$11,222.02
Deeded to Town			
Unredeemed Liens Balance at End of Year:	\$142,835.47	\$41,174.48	\$3,157.39
TOTAL CREDITS	\$183,495.38	\$70,479.06	\$36,086.91

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy A. Huckins, Tax Collector
Vicki Hussman, Deputy Tax Collector

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002**

Auto Registrations	\$658,285.41
Auto Titles	2,608.00
Auto Municipal Agent Fees	17,010.00
Boat Registrations	2,130.77
Dog Licenses	3,046.50
Filing Fees, Checklists, etc.	122.00
OHRV Registrations	5,839.00
UCC Filings	2,885.00
Vital Statistics	3,565.00
 Total Receipts	 \$695,491.68

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza H. Conde, Town Clerk
Judy A. Huckins, Town Clerk
Vicki Hussman, Deputy Town Clerk

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TREASURER'S REPORT
January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002**

Operating Account

Balance January 1, 2002	\$855,236.82
Interest Earned	17,103.08
Deposits	7,929,884.11
Total Funds Available	8,802,224.01
Disbursements	7,616,214.15
Balance December 31, 2002	<u><u>\$1,186,009.86</u></u>

NHPDIP - General Fund

Balance January 1, 2002	\$132,960.33
Interest Earned	1,965.27
Deposits	0.00
Total Funds Available	134,925.60
Disbursements	48,460.00
Balance December 31, 2002	<u><u>86,465.60</u></u>

NHPDIP - Knowles Pond Fund

Balance January 1, 2002	\$1,385.53
Interest Earned	21.00
Deposits	0.00
Total Funds Available	1,406.53
Disbursements	0.00
Balance December 31, 2002	<u><u>1,406.53</u></u>

NHPDIP - Conservation Fund

Balance January 1, 2002	\$2,710.86
Interest Earned	48.48
Deposits	1,060.00
Total Funds Available	3,819.34
Disbursements	1,000.00
Balance December 31, 2002	<u><u>2,819.34</u></u>

Summary All Accounts

Balance January 1, 2002	\$992,293.54
Interest Earned	\$19,137.83
Deposits	\$7,930,944.11
Total Funds Available	\$8,942,375.48
Disbursements	\$7,665,674.15
Balance December 31, 2002	<u><u>\$1,276,701.33</u></u>

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TREASURER'S REPORT
January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002**

Balance January 1, 2002		\$992,293.54
REVENUE		
	Interest	\$19,137.83
	Other Deposits	190,768.33
	Permits & Fees	162,284.24
	State of New Hampshire	338,269.57
	Taxes	5,444,406.67
	Town Clerk	594,255.30
	Tax Anticipation Note	<u>1,200,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE		<u>7,949,121.94</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		\$8,941,415.48
EXPENDITURES		
	Interest	\$47,693.66
	General & Payroll Expenses	3,482,476.49
	T/N Fire District	344,989.00
	WRSD	2,589,555.00
	Tax Anticipation Note	<u>1,200,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>\$7,664,714.15</u>
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2002		<u>\$1,276,701.33</u>

Respectfully Submitted

Roland Seymour

Report of the Trustee of Trust Funds of the Town of Northfield
Cemetery Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds
For the Year Ending on December 31, 2002

Date Created	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust	How Invested	***PRINCIPAL***				***INCOME***				Grand Total P & I End of Year 12/31/2002
				Balance Beg. of Year 1/1/2002	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	Balance End of Year 12/31/2002	Beginning Beg. Of Year 1/1/2002	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year 12/31/2002	
1780	School Fund	School	NHPDIP	\$ 840.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 840.00	\$ 128.09	\$ 14.51	\$ -	\$ 142.60	\$ 982.60
1901	Fannie Cofran	Hodgdon	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.25	\$ 1.73	\$ -	\$ 16.98	\$ 116.98
1908	C.J. Chamberlain	Oak Hill	NHPDIP	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 7.62	\$ 0.86	\$ -	\$ 8.48	\$ 58.48
1909	Mary A. Neal	Oak Hill	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.25	\$ 1.73	\$ -	\$ 16.98	\$ 116.98
1914	Darius Dearborn	Hodgdon	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.25	\$ 1.73	\$ -	\$ 16.98	\$ 116.98
1918	Jas. & Abigail Glines	Williams	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.25	\$ 1.73	\$ -	\$ 16.98	\$ 116.98
1921	Gawn Correll	Lot - Gorr	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.25	\$ 1.73	\$ -	\$ 16.98	\$ 116.98
1921	Ellen Chadwick	Williams	NHPDIP	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 7.62	\$ 0.86	\$ -	\$ 8.48	\$ 58.48
1927	Sevira Streeter	Williams	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.25	\$ 1.73	\$ -	\$ 16.98	\$ 116.98
1927	Reuben Hutchins	Hodgdon	NHPDIP	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 7.62	\$ 0.86	\$ -	\$ 8.48	\$ 58.48
1935	A.B. Winslow	Williams	NHPDIP	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 30.50	\$ 3.45	\$ -	\$ 33.95	\$ 233.95
1943	Chas. W. Bryant	Lot - Park	NHPDIP	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 30.50	\$ 3.45	\$ -	\$ 33.95	\$ 233.95
1946	Leroy A. Glines	Williams	NHPDIP	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 7.62	\$ 0.86	\$ -	\$ 8.48	\$ 58.48
1948	Arthur Thomas	Lot - Park	NHPDIP	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 76.25	\$ 8.64	\$ -	\$ 84.89	\$ 584.89
1950	Mabel Hill	Arch Hill	NHPDIP	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 30.50	\$ 3.45	\$ -	\$ 33.95	\$ 233.95
1960	Leon Burns	Lot - Park	NHPDIP	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 30.50	\$ 3.45	\$ -	\$ 33.95	\$ 233.95
1964	Nathaniel Foss	Hodgdon	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.25	\$ 1.73	\$ -	\$ 16.98	\$ 116.98
1969	Raphael Quimby	Arch Hill	NHPDIP	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 45.75	\$ 5.18	\$ -	\$ 50.93	\$ 350.93
1985	Edwin V. Leavitt	Arch Hill	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.25	\$ 1.73	\$ -	\$ 16.98	\$ 116.98
1990	John S. Woodward	Arch Hill	NHPDIP	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 114.37	\$ 12.95	\$ -	\$ 127.32	\$ 877.32
1990	sophie Copp	Arch Hill	NHPDIP	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 38.12	\$ 4.32	\$ -	\$ 42.44	\$ 292.44
1990	Victor Slanton	Arch Hill	NHPDIP	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 45.75	\$ 5.18	\$ -	\$ 50.93	\$ 350.93
1998	Wyatt/Colby	Arch Hill	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.25	\$ 1.73	\$ -	\$ 16.98	\$ 116.98
SUBTOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS				\$ 4,840.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,840.00	\$ 738.06	\$ 83.59	\$ -	\$ 821.65	\$ 5,661.65

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Cemetery Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds
For the Year Ending on December 31, 2002

Date Created	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust	How Invested	***PRINCIPAL***					***INCOME***				Grand Total P & I End of Year 12/31/2002
				Balance Beg. of Year 1/1/2002	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year 12/31/2002	Beginning Beg. Of Year 1/1/2002	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year 12/31/2002	
1986	Revaluation	Same	NHPDIP	\$ 45,937.61	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 48,437.61	\$ 14,445.06	\$ 905.47	\$ -	\$ 15,350.53	\$ 63,788.14
1978	Arch Restoration	Same	NHPDIP	\$ 2,267.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,267.33	\$ 2,015.64	\$ 64.40	\$ -	\$ 2,080.04	\$ 4,347.37
1992	Library	Same	NHPDIP	\$ 332.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 332.96	\$ 12.51	\$ 4.29	\$ -	\$ 16.80	\$ 349.76
1989	Solid Waste	Same	NHPDIP	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 311.98	\$ 11.40	\$ -	\$ 323.38	\$ 823.38
1997	TNHS Class of '42	Same	NHPDIP	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 174.29	\$ 31.52	\$ 100.00	\$ 105.81	\$ 2,105.81
1998	Library (FSB)	Same	NHPDIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42.91	\$ 0.03	\$ -	\$ 42.94	\$ 42.94
1999	Loader	Same	NHPDIP	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 3,003.65	\$ 419.44	\$ -	\$ 3,423.09	\$ 28,423.09
2000	Knowles Pond	Same	NHPDIP	\$ 45,217.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,217.66	\$ 3,944.86	\$ 736.20	\$ -	\$ 4,681.06	\$ 49,898.72
2000	Salt Shed	Same	NHPDIP	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 1,684.50	\$ 784.01	\$ -	\$ 2,468.51	\$ 77,468.51
2001	State Aid Reconst.	Same	NHPDIP	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 11.71	\$ 307.69	\$ -	\$ 319.40	\$ 40,319.40
SUBTOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				\$ 191,255.56	\$ -	\$ 47,500	\$ -	\$ 238,755.56	\$ 25,647.11	\$ 3,264.45	\$ 100.00	\$ 28,811.56	\$ 267,567.12
TOTAL FUNDS				\$ 196,095.56	\$ -	\$ 47,500	\$ -	\$ 243,595.56	\$ 26,385.17	\$ 3,348.04	\$ 100.00	\$ 29,633.21	\$ 273,228.77

Report of the Trustee of Trust Funds of the Tilton-Northfield Fire District
Capital Reserve Funds
For the Year Ending on December 31, 2002

Date Created	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust	How Invested	***PRINCIPAL***					***INCOME***				Grand Total P & I End of Year 12/31/2002
				Balance Beg. of Year 1/1/2002	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year 12/31/2002	Beginning Beg. Of Year 1/1/2002	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year 12/31/2002	
1985	Truck	Same	NHPDIP	\$ 53,942.79	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 93,942.79	\$ 993.34	\$ 828.04	\$ -	\$ 1,821.38	\$ 95,764.17
1985	Land & Building	Same	NHPDIP	\$ 3,013.28	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 8,013.28	\$ -	\$ 45.86	\$ -	\$ 45.86	\$ 8,059.14
1992	Rescue	Same	NHPDIP	\$ 78,397.23	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 48,397.23	\$ 13,407.97	\$ 678.94	\$ -	\$ 14,086.91	\$ 62,484.14
Total				\$ 135,353.30	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 150,353.30	\$ 14,401.31	\$ 1,552.84	\$ -	\$ 15,954.15	\$ 166,307.45

SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

MAP/LOT	LOCATION	ACRES	LAND/BLDG	TOTAL
R02/2	Stevens Rd.	80.00	54,700	54,700
R06/45/1	Peverly Rd.	.63	12,200	12,200
R08/83B	I-93	5.50	4,200	4,200
R09/5	Sandogardy Rd.	69.00	101,500	101,500
R09/9	Sandogardy Rd.	1.00	16,000/68,800	84,800
R09/72B	Sandogardy Rd.	2.00	14,000	14,000
R10/36	Reservoir Rd.	12.61	24,500	24,500
R12/17L	Bean Hill Rd.	1.20	3,300	3,300
R14/3A	Belmont Meadow	2.00	15,200	15,200
R15/47	Shaker Road	16.50	13,100	13,100
R16/12	Knowles Pond	85.00	180,300	180,300
R17/1	Off Bean Hill	10.00	7,800	7,800
R17/46	Off Bean Hill	.82	13,800	13,800
R22/1-1	Payson Rd.	.25	200	200
U02/3	Johnson Rd.	9.00	7,200	7,200
U03/9	Johnson Rd.	6.50	32,200/1,000	33,200
U07/1B	Elm St.	7.49	120,200	120,200
U07/80	Arch Hill	18.00	25,800	25,800
U07/99	The Island	1.37	7,000	7,000
U08/26A	Holmes Ave.	.28	2,300	2,300
U08/112/113	Summer St.	1.73	29,100/204,300	233,400
U08/137A	Summer St.	.50	28,000/700	28,700
U09/1	Park St.		69,700	69,700
U09/1/1E	Park St.	14.00	70,000/115,700	185,700
U09/6/1	Park St.	4.64	31,700/55,900	87,600
U09/6/2	Summer St.	2.44	12,900	12,900
U09/6/3	Dearborn Rd.	.60	7,100	7,100

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION
FORM MS-1**

		2002
	Number	Assessed
	Of Acres	Valuation
LAND & BUILDINGS		
Value of Land Only		
Current Use	11,324.910	\$837,419
Conservation Restriction Assessment	0.000	\$0
Discretionary Easement	0.000	\$0
Residential Land	5,044.904	\$25,893,800
Commercial/Industrial Land	452.434	\$3,572,000
Total of Taxable Land	16,822.248	\$30,303,219
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	475.082	
	(\$1,472,400)	
Value of Buildings Only		
Residential		\$91,050,100
Manufactured Housing		\$5,868,300
Commercial/Industrial		\$17,644,300
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$114,562,700
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable		
	(\$8,978,200)	
PUBLIC UTILITIES		
		\$6,908,623
MATURE WOOD & TIMBER		
		\$0
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		
		\$151,774,542
Certain Disabled Veterans	1	\$125,400
MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION		
		\$151,649,142
Blind Exemptions		
		\$0
Elderly Exemptions		
	45	\$1,380,000
Disabled Exemptions		
	5	\$173,900
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS		
		\$1,553,900
NET VALUATION FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY, DISTRICT, LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED		
		\$150,095,242
Less Public Utilities		
		\$6,908,623
NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED		
		\$143,186,619
UTILITY SUMMARY		
Public Service of NH		\$2,147,100
NH Electrical Coop		\$1,311,500
Keyspan Energy Delivery		\$850,000
T-N Aqueduct Co.		\$2,600,023
TOTAL OF ALL UTILITIES		
		\$6,908,623
WAR SERVICE CREDITS		
	Number	Amount
\$700	8	\$5,600
\$50	186	\$18,600
TOTAL WAR SERVICE CREDITS		
	194	\$24,200

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION
FORM MS-1**

ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT	Number	Amount	Exemption Amount
Age 65-74	15	\$25,000	\$350,400
75-79	13	\$30,000	\$370,800
80 +	17	\$45,000	\$658,800
TOTAL ELDERLY EXEMPTION	45		\$1,380,000

CURRENT USE REPORT	Acres	Assessed Valuation
Farm Land	977.833	\$249,396
Forest Land	5,780.562	\$431,126
Forest Land with Stewardship	4,051.245	\$151,957
Unproductive Land	57.000	\$529
Wetland	458.270	\$4,411
TOTAL LAND IN CURRENT USE	11,324.910	\$837,419

Receivng 20% Recreational Adjustment 6,970.951

Total Number of Owners in C.U.	200
Total Number of Parcels in C.U.	315

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
2002 TAX RATE CALCULATION**

NET VALUATION	\$150,095,242
NET VALUATION (LESS UTILITIES)	143,186,619
TOWN PORTION	
APPROPRIATION	3,432,715
LESS: REVENUES	1,587,933
LESS: SHARED REVENUES	23,568
ADD: OVERLAY	99,073
ADD: WAR SERVICE CREDITS	24,600
NET TOWN APPROPRIATION	1,944,887
TOWN TAX RATE	\$12.96
SCHOOL	
REGIONAL SCHOOL APPROPRIATION	5,576,624
LESS ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	2,776,364
LOCAL SCHOOL TAX EFFORT	1,921,290
STATE SCHOOL TAX EFFORT	878,970
LOCAL RATE	\$12.80
STATE RATE	\$6.14
SCHOOL PORTION	
DUE TO SCHOOL	\$2,800,260
LESS: SHARED REVENUES	
NET SCHOOL APPROPRIATION	
SCHOOL TAX RATE	\$18.94
COUNTY PORTION	
DUE TO COUNTY	436,650
LESS: SHARED REVENUES	5,405
NET COUNTY APPROPRIATION	431,245
COUNTY TAX RATE	\$2.87
TOTAL	\$34.77
FIRE DISTRICT PORTION	345,219
FIRE DISTRICT TAX RATE	\$2.30
TOTAL TAX RATE	\$37.07

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

The Town of Northfield issued over 500 dog licenses again in 2002. State and Town law indicates that all dogs are to be on a leash, in a kennel or under the control of the owner at all times. All dogs three months or older must be vaccinated for rabies. They must all be licensed by the town before April 30th each year. All cats three months or older must be vaccinated for rabies as well.

Dog calls were the major issue again this year. Dogs running at large, being aggressive and barking seem to have been the problem. The number of strays was low again this year.

Another issue with animals has been weather related. If animals are outside in the winter, they need to have adequate shelter for protection and warmth. In addition, in better weather or warm weather, they need a generous supply of water. These issues are quick, easy fixes and should be common sense for owners.

As far as cat issues, cats are wanderers by nature. Many time the cats that are picked up do belong to someone. The problem becomes that many people feel bad and feed them thus giving the animal no reason to go home. Many also assume that when they are continually feeding them that they must be a stray. Many times, cats do go home but will come back to where its been fed before. These are just some thoughts to consider for 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Carroll
Animal Control Officer

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED DURING 2002**

Single Family Homes	27
Apartments	0
Replacement Mobile Homes	1
New Mobile Homes	2
Garages and Barns	20
Decks and Porches	17
Storage Buildings	15
Signs	0
Additions	18
Commercial Use	3
Industrial Use	1
Alterations	10
Reconstruction	10
Demolition	6
Seasonal	0
Renewed Permits	5
Pools	4
Towers	0

Total Permits Issued: 125

Estimated Value of Permits: \$5,559,350.00
Building Permit Fees Collected: \$ 7,420.00

Health Report/Complaints:

Junkyards	7
Building/Zoning	19
Rental Standards	4
Septic Systems	12
Safety Standards	8

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Dickson,
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement/Health Officer

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Northfield Conservation Commission meets the first Wed of every month at 7:30 PM in the town hall. Board members are Northfield volunteers who are concerned with the town's Natural Resources.

The Planning Boards' town wide survey revealed a high percentage of residents are concerned with preserving the town's rural character; our goal is to assist the other town boards in creating a balance of development and conservation interests.

We have hired a consultant (Watershed to Wildlife) to conduct a Natural Resource Inventory of the town. This report and computerized mapping system will give us the tools to aid in the protection of town resources and planning of development. These tools will give Northfield a strong base to improve upon, and update as the town continues to grow. If you know of a special place that needs consideration of preservation, let us know and we will include it.

This years' Old Home Day we set up a Conservation booth in tandem with the Knowles Pond Conservation Stewardship Committee, it was a big hit with the children. Look for us again this year in the Pines. (Thanks to the visiting turtles and to friends for the coyote mount and bear rug. Note: all turtles were returned to their homes after the day was done.)

We held a conservation easement workshop this fall; we plan on holding additional workshops this year. Let us know what else you would like to see. Look for more information on the Town web site www.northfieldnh.org (coming soon). A few landowners have sought us out to assist them in protecting their land from development. The Commission has started working with them to establish conservation easements on their property.

The Commission would like to encourage our landowners to utilize:

- Current Use
- Land Conservation/Protection easements
- As well as Best Forest and Wetlands Management practices.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Thibeault, Chairperson

HIGHWAY GARAGE STUDY COMMITTEE

The Selectmen formed the committee following Town Meeting to evaluate the needs of the Highway department and determine if the Department's needs were being met in the present location. The Board appointed the following members to the study committee: Dennis Allen, Albert Cross, Robert Nichol, Chris Sheehan, Aurlow Stanley, Donald Stevens and Lana Dearborn as Selectmen's Representative. The Committee met five times. After review of the work area, garage and cold storage as it exists today, it was determined we did not have adequate space for our present needs. The Committee presented its findings to the Board of Selectmen. The primary focus of the committee will be to determine what will provide the Highway Department an adequate, efficient, safe and environmentally sound facility. The committee has been on a hiatus until the completion of a survey of the current site and the Carr Pit site. The boundary line survey and corresponding plot plan is needed to enable the committee to develop a comprehensive recommendation to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Lana Dearborn, Selectman

KNOWLES POND CONSERVATION AREA STEWARDSHIP/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Knowles Pond Conservation Area/Stewardship Management Committee has enjoyed a productive year. Goals set forth for 2002 were met with the publication of trail maps, marking of trails, completion of the Kiosk, along with trail maintenance, monitoring of the dam and seasonal water testing. A large interpretive trail map is now displayed on the kiosk located on Rand Road, with smaller interpretive trail guides available at the Kiosk, Town hall and KPCA website: www.knowlespond.com .

An increased number of residents are discovering KPCA for walking the trails, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, bird watching, picnicking, skating, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. While others visit just to enjoy the pristine waters and the quiet solitude of the pond and trails, or to catch a glimpse of the Loons that nest yearly on the pond.

Despite increasing development of this area, Knowles Pond continues to be one of the cleanest bodies of water in the state. Responding to the recent community survey in which a majority of respondents placed importance on the “quality of water resources and protection of our shorelines”, the KPCA committee continues to work diligently to permanently protect the water quality and land surrounding the pond.

Goals for 2003 include further work on connecting trails, additional trail identification symbols and signs, installation of resting benches, along with continued trail maintenance, monitoring of water quality, dam inspections and shoreline protection.

We would like to again thank all of our volunteers, the individuals, businesses and residents of Northfield who have contributed to this preserving this special place.

For those interested, tax-deductible contributions can be made to the Knowles Pond Conservation Area Trust Fund c/o Town of Northfield, 21 Summer St. Northfield, NH 03276.

The Committee meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00p.m. @ the Northfield Town Hall. Townspeople are welcome to attend.

Diane Moreau

Chair KPCA Stewardship Management Committee

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD

Members: Chairman Christopher Hunt, Douglas Read, Richard Cullen, George Flanders, Francis LaBranche, Glen Brown, Selectmen, William Dawson, Richard Maher, Alternate and Gloria Pickering, Alternate.

The following applications were acted upon by the Northfield Planning Board in 2002:

JANUARY, 2002:

1. Gertrude Young: Application for a three lot subdivision of property located on Hidden Lane (Map U9, Lot 20). Application continued.

FEBRUARY, 2002:

1. Gertrude Young: Three lot subdivision approved.
2. Ed's Trucking: The Board approved an amended Site Plan for self-storage units at property located at 133 Park Street (Map U8, Lot 143).
3. Neta Whicher Aldrich: Application for a five lot subdivision of property located on Shaker Road (Map R19, Lot 3). Application continued.

MARCH, 2002:

1. Neta Whicher Aldrich: Five lot subdivision approved with conditions.

APRIL, 2002:

1. The Board reviewed plans for sitework and renovations for Union Sanborn Elementary School.

MAY, 2002:

1. Duane Burley: Site Plan application for operation of a home based machine shop on property located at 421 Cross Mill Road (Map R6, Lot 3-2). The Board approved this site plan.
2. Shaw Road Realty Trust: Subdivision application for a 12 lot subdivision of Property located on Shaw Road and Oak Hill Road (Map R2, Lot 53). Application continued.

JUNE, 2002:

1. Shaw Road Realty Trust: Application continued.

2. Bedard Family Limited Partnership: Application for a boundary line adjustment on Park St. and Dearborn Road for roadway purposes, (Map U9, Lot 2). Application approved.
3. Norman Fauteux: Subdivision application for a 9 lot subdivision of property located on Shaw Road, Pleasant Street and Gile Road. (Land is in Franklin, but enters onto Shaw Road). Application continued.

JULY, 2002:

1. Shaw Road Realty Trust: Application continued.
2. Norman Fauteux: Application approved with conditions.
3. Grace Jones Revocable Trust: Application for a lot line adjustment between two lots of owner on property located at 523 Bean Hill Road, (Map R17, Lots 22 and 24). The Board approved the lot line adjustment.

AUGUST, 2002:

1. Shaw Road Realty Trust: 12 lot subdivision approved.
2. Kim Lewis: Application for a lot line adjustment and 2 lot subdivision of property located at 417 Sandogardy Pond Road (Map R9, Lots 14 and 13). The Board ruled the application to be incomplete.
3. Blue Sky Enterprises: Application for an 8 lot subdivision of property located on Twin Bridge Road and South Road, Belmont (Map R15, Lot 52). Application continued.

SEPTEMBER, 2002:

1. Blue Sky Enterprises: 8 lot subdivision approved.
2. Kim Lewis: Application withdrawn.
3. Manning Bros. Wood Products, Inc.: Application for a Site Plan Review for a 14'X52" addition to existing structure for a Pallet sanitization system located at 27 Sargent Street (Map U3, Lot 10). Site Plan approved by the Board.

OCTOBER, 2002:

1. The Board held a Public Hearing for Revised Site Plan Regulations and approved them as written.
2. The Board adopted Rules of Procedure.
3. Douglas & Melba Read: Application for a 3 lot subdivision on land at 121 Concord Road (Map R7, Lot 29A&B). Application continued.
4. Debra Alexander and H. Alan Liles: Application for a 3 lot subdivision of 20.6 acres on Peverly Road (Map R7, Lot 16). Application continued.

5. Charles Lajeskie: Application for a Site Plan Review for a home office in an addition to an existing garage on property located at 490 Shaker Road (Map R19, Lot 8). The board approved the Site Plan.

NOVEMBER, 2002:

1. Douglas & Melba Read: 3 lot subdivision approved.
2. Debra Alexander and H. Alan Liles: 3 lot subdivision approved.
3. Norman Fauteux: Application for a 7 lot subdivision on 100.5 acres on Shaw Road (Map R7, Lot 10). Application continued.

DECEMBER, 2002:

1. Norman Fauteux: Application continued.

In addition to the applications reviewed above, the Planning Board held several meetings and public forums relative to formulating an updated Master Plan for the Town of Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza H. Conde, Recording Secretary

NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Greetings:

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know what your police department has been doing for the past year. As in years past, our call volume continues to grow. The amount of traffic using our roadways has increased and this is directly reflected in our motor vehicle statistics. Although our number of calls continue to grow, the size of our force remains the same, this cannot continue and soon we will have to address staffing.

As you are well aware, domestic terrorism dominates the news, and I'm happy to report that many of our personnel are involved in additional training. I hope to see more federal training and money come to our state to continue training in this particular area.

The department remain at full staff, we have a few new faces and I hope you get the opportunity to meet all of our personnel. We will soon be online with our new webpage www.northfieldnhpd.org. This will allow you to get and give TIP information and link to our volunteer program (vip). Pictures of our personnel will be on the site so you can put a face to the officer you may have spoken with.

This site is **NOT for emergencies or reporting of crimes!** Please call **286-8514** to report any emergencies or to report any crimes. This site will be great for community information and as an additional way to contact us for tips, information ideas and concerns.

Our community is growing very quickly which puts strain on all services, not just the police. We ask for your continued patience and ask that you report all suspicions or concerning matters to us. Remember, "community policing" is about all of us working together to make our community a better and safer place.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all citizens for your support of the Police Department and for your support for the needed funds to provide you with the service that you deserve. I wish to thank the members of the Northfield Police Department who are dedicated and caring individuals. I am proud to be their Chief. I wish to thank the Town Hall Staff, Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee and the Tilton-Northfield Fire Department. A special thanks to Road Agent Albert Cross

and the "Highway Crew" for the great job they do and their support all during the year.

Let us work together and continue to make Northfield a wonderful community to live, work and raise our families in.

I maintain as **YOUR** Police Chief to provide you with the most effective and professional police services with the utmost fiscal responsibility.

Yours in Public Safety,

Scott E. Hilliard
Chief of Police

**NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
REVENUES
JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2002**

Pistol Licenses	\$ 890.00
Dog Fines/Kennel Fees	\$ 775.00
Restitution	\$ 2,375.00
Witness Fees	\$ 1,381.21
Parking Violations	\$ 385.00
Insurance Fees	\$ 485.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 84.00
Reimbursement for Telephone Acct.	\$ 258.00
Reimbursement for Vehicle Maintenance Acct.	\$ 590.00
Reimbursement for Training (S. Adams)	\$ 478.50
Reimbursement for Department Supplies (Spaulding)	\$ 165.00
DETAILS MetroCast	\$ 20,687.50
R. M. Piper	\$ 1,145.00
Verizon	\$ 14,082.50
SCI	\$ 12,035.50
Northeast Corrosion Analysts	\$ 265.00
Endorfun	\$ 220.00
FEDERAL GRANTS (COPS FAST)	\$25,543.00
GRANT FOR VESTS	\$ 908.00
STATE GRANT (MOTORCYCLE)	<u>\$ 1,250.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$84,571.22

NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Arrest	204	260	265	295	338
Summons	474	374	286	344	426
MV Warnings	539	1,304	1,290	1,845	2,589
TOTAL	1,350	1,938	1,841	2,484	3,353
Property Checks	10,346	11,005	10,950	11,000	10,750
Accidents	78	112	98	71	81
Pistol Permits	88	67	40	41	70
Total Hours					
Worked	19,250	25,758	20,850	24,950	26,350
Miles Traveled					
Patrol	92,606	91,997	90,553	101,108	115,318
Incidents					
(Calls for Service)	4,197	4,770	5,123	6,165	7,285
Walk In Assist	1,446	1,552	1,785	1,802	1,890
TOTAL	5,643	6,322	6,908	7,967	9,175
INCREASE		679	586	1,059	1,208

INCOME GENERATED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Report	374	485	502	339	485
Pistol Permits	880	670	400	410	890
Parking Tickets	80	105	160	145	385
Dog Fines	455	1,005	1,055	521	775
Miscellaneous	10	376	569	71	84
Witness Fees	1,675	1,158	721	720	1,366
Restitution from					
Court	1,506	1,335	2,825	2,397	2,375
Special Details	5,908	73,065	50,913	108,115	48,436
Totals	10,887	78,199	57,145	112,718	54,796

BREAKDOWN OF OVERTIME

Court/Hearings	179
Investigations	116 1/4
Schools	37
Training	65
Vehicle Maintenance	35
Meetings	71
Cover Shifts (when an officer calls in sick, and another officer is needed to fill in)	218
Additional Coverage (Shifts when only one officer is working and other one is called in to assist due to activity)	49 1/2
Dare	63 1/2
Old Home Day	26 1/2
Motorcycle Weekend	20
Oral Boards/Polygraphs/Physical Test	24 1/2

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

The year began with below normal snowfall, higher temperatures, and many freezing rainstorms causing very slippery road conditions.

Spring came in with a normal mud season causing a great amount of inconvenience to residents living on dirt roads.

Then came a very dry summer resulting in very dusty dirt roads which were coated with calcium magnesium to control the dust. Because of this effort, we went over budget. Also many dug wells in the district went dry.

Summer projects consisted of the reconstruction of Turnpike Road. Reclaiming and paving Blueberry Lane, Shaker Road, and Twin Bridge Road. Paving of Gale Avenue and part of Shedd Road. Bean Hill Road was paved with a third inch because of the traffic flow and better pavement strength to prolong the life of the project.

Fall began with the usual maintenance of the dirt roads consisting of ditch cleaning, grading, and the replacement of gravel lost due to traffic, dust, and wind. Fall is the time of year to mow the town cemeteries for the last time. Raking leaves and closing the town beach, the Pines and Arch Park. It is also the time of year to start stockpiling winter sand for use, and getting snow plows/sanders ready to go.

Winter came in early October with the first snowstorm, then several small storms until January 1st when we received between 18-24 inches of snow.

Myself and the Highway Department employees would like to thank you for your patience in our projects throughout the year that may have caused any traffic delays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert E. Cross
Road Agent

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

	2002 TONS	2001 TONS
RECYCLABLES		
REVENUE PRODUCING RECYCLABLES		
Aluminum	0.72	3.69
Cardboard	37.60	30.84
Glass	9.00	6.00
Mixed Paper	26.70	6.49
Newspapers	34.55	41.28
Plastics	1.89	3.30
Tin Cans	4.79	-
TOTAL REVENUE PRODUCING	115.25	91.60
COST AVOIDANCE RECYCLABLES	TONS	TONS
Computers	0.36	-
Scrap Metal	74.96	101.38
Shingles(diposal fee of \$53.50/ton)	71.63	63.07
Construction/Demo to Errco (\$49/ton)	134.13	161.60
TOTAL COST AVOIDANCE RECYCLABLES	281.08	326.05
TOTAL RECYCLED TONNAGE	396.33	417.65

OTHER RECYCLABLES		
Used Oil/Antifreeze Market (gals)	1,237.00	1,100.00
Burned by Municipality	1,257.50	
Batteries	4.47	
Propane Cylinders (tanks)	150.00	
Yard Waste (compost)		
"Swap Shop" Used Household Items		

DISPOSED AT INCINERATOR	TONS	TONS
Residential		
Curbside	1,651.67	1,534.25
Roll Offs at the Holding Area	183.42	168.31
Total Residential	1,835.09	1,702.56
Commercial		
Bestway	-	-
Waste Management	763.54	852.75
Reliable Waste	329.08	117.60
Total Commercial	1,092.62	970.35
TOTAL INCINERATOR TONNAGE	2,927.71	2,672.91

TONS DISPOSED AT LANDFILL	84.45	251.09
TOTAL TONNAGE FOR 2002	3,408.49	3,341.65

In 2002, the Town Meeting voted to amend the Town's Solid Waste Ordinance whereby the Town no longer pays the incinerator tipping fee for commercial entities in Town. The Selectmen also increased the disposal fees at the Northfield Recycling/Holding Area. The Board strongly encourages every household to recycle which helps to offset the ever increasing disposal costs.

TOTAL SOLID WASTE EXPENDITURES	\$ 243,907	\$ 254,745
TOTAL REVENUES RECEIVED	\$ 15,212	\$ 10,043
AVERAGE COST PER TON	\$ 71.56	\$ 76.23

The Northfield Recycling Center/Holding Area is located off Sargent Street and is open Wednesdays from noon until 6:00 p.m. (5:00 p.m.) during winter months and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Day is held in July of each year. Notice of date and time will be posted and published in the newspapers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Fulweiler

WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Town of Northfield assisted 44 households in 2002. The composition of the households consisted of 55 adults and 57 children. The total amount spent on direct assistance was \$29,317.50.

The increase in this year's expenditure over last year was due to the cost of housing homeless families who were victims of domestic violence. In the State of New Hampshire there has been an increased amount of homeless families and no new shelters to house them in. Some shelters have had families stay as long as several years, which has made it very difficult to place new homeless families. Ideally, if a family becomes homeless, they are placed in a shelter for about a month while they search for an apartment. The increase in rent rates this year made it difficult for some families to find apartments they could afford.

In October of 2002 PSNH opened its electric assistance program. Income eligible households can receive a discount of up to 90% each month on their electric bills. The local Community Action Programs are taking the applications for this program.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Stephen
Welfare Administrator

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Members: Chairman Kent Finemore, Roland Seymour, David Liberatore, Christopher Dunne, Steve Bluhm, Michelle Davis, Alternate.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment made the following decisions in 2002:

APRIL 2002:

1. David Barbuto Trust: Application for a variance to the terms of Article 7, Table 1 for storage of box trailers, office trailers and associated equipment on property located on Concord Road, Tax Map U6, Lot 1A. Application continued.
2. E.R. Doucette: Application for a variance to the terms of Article 7, Table 2 for the construction of a 4 unit apartment building located at 17 Cottage Street, (Map U8, Lot 56). The Board ruled the application was not complete.

MAY, 2002:

1. David Barbuto Trust: Application continued.
2. William Reinhardt, IV: Application for a variance to the terms of Article 7, Table 2 for construction of a 10'X7' Deck/front porch on property located at 76 Bean Hill Road (Map U12, Lot 5). Application approved.

JUNE, 2002:

1. David Barbuto Trust: Variance granted with conditions.
2. Merlin Neider: Request for a special exception to Article 14, section 14.2 to construct a garage 70' from the property line in the Conservation zone at 220 Sandogardy Pond Road (Map R8, Lot 19). Special exception granted.

SEPTEMBER, 2002:

1. Dona St. Cyr: Application for a variance to the terms of Article 7, Table 2 to construct an additional living unit on an undersized lot within the 250' setback at 50 East Side Road (Map R8, Lot 62) in the Conservation zone. Application continued.

2. Stephen Adams: Appeal from Administrative Decision of the Code Enforcement Office to deny a building permit relative to Article 7, Table 2 off Bean Hill Road (R11, Lot 27). Application continued.
3. The Board adopted Rules of Procedure.

OCTOBER, 2002:

1. Stephen Adams: Appeal denied as the lot does not have road frontage as required by RSA 674:41.
2. Thomas Roy: Application for a variance to the terms of Article 12, section 12.3 to construct a sign which totals 30 sq. ft. and appeal from administrative decision of the Code Enforcement Officer to deny a permit for a swimming pool to be placed 13 feet from the lot line on property at 95 Park Street (Map U8, Lot 13). Mr. Roy withdrew the application for a sign and the Board took no action on the swimming pool as they did not feel a variance was required.
3. Maureen Brown: Request for a variance to the terms of Article 7, Table 2 to add a second living unit to property at 14 Forrest Road (Map U3, Lot 13). The Board denied the variance as it is contrary to the spirit of the Zoning Ordinance.

DECEMBER, 2002:

1. Dona St. Cyr: Application for additional living unit. Application denied as it is contrary to the spirit of the Zoning Ordinance.
2. Gary Cooper: Application for a Special Exception to the terms of Article 7, Table #1 of the Zoning Ordinance to operate a business for the repair and sales of automobiles on land owned by Robert Barr (Map U7, Lot 6). The Board denied the Special Exception because of the inadequacy of the access and incompatibility of the site with property and land uses in the vicinity.
3. William Caveney: Motion for rehearing of the Board's decision concerning the swimming pool at Thomas Roy's property located 13 feet from the property line. Motion for rehearing denied as there was no new evidence presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza H. Conde, Recording Secretary

REPORT OF THE TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT

Again, the Fire Department is delivering more and more services than the previous years. The Board of Commissioners and I express our sincerest gratitude to those employees of the District who give so much of their heart and soul to delivering the best possible services to you.

There has been a steady growth since 1998. The incident type seeing the most growth includes vehicle fires, outside fires, brush fires and other hazardous conditions such as fuel spills, wires down, and carbon monoxide incidents. Every year there is weather related phenomenon, that either ice the roads and wires causing higher responses or drought and dry spells with their own particular issues. Heavy snows also cause collapses and associated problems. These issues cause work for response personnel.

The drought and dry spell of 2002 did not cause major problems for us due to your efforts to stay safe. Thank you.

The fire prevention officer has delivered public safety education to over 1,300 this year, these include fire extinguisher training, child fire setter program, public safety education designed to minimize emergencies requiring our immediate intervention.

Considerable time has been spent servicing the dry hydrants; some have seen service for over thirty years. Maintaining the fire alarm system requires regular testing. These are services provided by our personnel that ensure parts of the response system is effective.

As we continue to handle greater demands for service, our personnel profile must change and keep pace. The goal of the department is to grow as the economy allows and provide full time firefighter/emts supplemented by part time call personnel to round out the crew. This provides guaranteed speedy response with solid back-up.

There is a need to add more full time personnel, and a need to replace one engine with a tank truck, especially since our district covers so much rural area and other areas with limited water supplies. The ladder truck is also in great need of replacement.

I know times are tough, we need to develop and continue to develop quality commercial and industrial base to balance the current over-reliance on residential tax income.

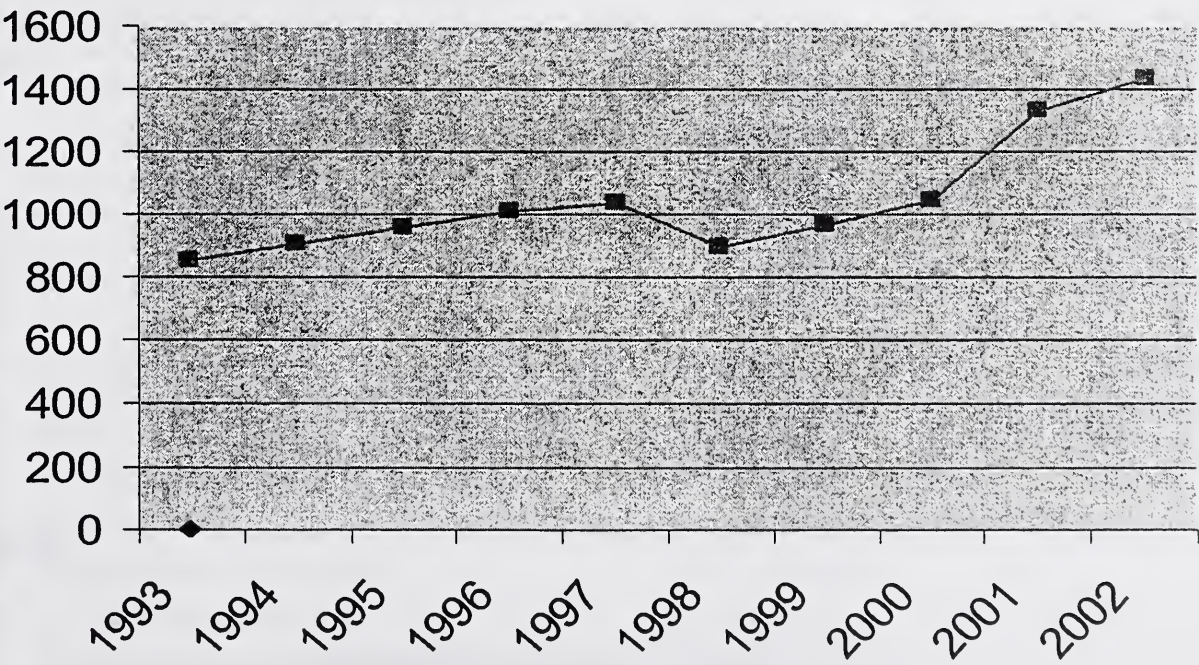
Please, come to the Annual Meeting and participate. This is your fire district.

Robert R. Petrin, Chief

Tilton-Northfield Fire District
Emergency Incidents
2002

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Med Aid	374	420	473	469	507	511	582	659	713	663
MVA	88	102	92	127	135	106	102	98	138	189
Structure	24	24	21	33	34	24	13	16	40	29
Fire Alarm	102	84	117	110	101	104	97	82	90	145
Other	196	191	191	208	179	97	80	100	265	347
Mut. Aid	70	84	60	60	83	57	88	90	88	59
Total	854	905	954	1007	1039	899	962	1045	1334	1432

Emergency Incidents Histogram



TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT 2002 EMERGENCY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Month	Med Aid	MV A	Struc- ture	Alarm	MV Fire	Brush	Haz Cond	Other	Mut Aid	Total
Jan.	66	8	2	5	3	1	7	3	4	99
Feb.	50	23	1	8	3	0	7	7	4	103
Mar.	67	14	5	15	4	10	7	12	4	138
Apr.	59	16	2	7	3	11	7	12	11	128
May	52	17	2	14	2	4	3	13	4	111
June	54	9	1	12	2	8	6	5	5	102
July	73	11	5	10	3	18	7	2	1	130
Aug.	64	30	2	7	2	14	3	14	7	143
Sep.	36	9	0	22	2	4	12	37	4	126
Oct.	40	11	1	9	2	4	14	18	4	103
Nov.	48	21	2	20	1	0	17	8	3	120
Dec.	54	20	6	16	2	0	11	12	8	129
Total	663	189	29	145	29	74	101	143	59	1432

2002 NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES SUMMARY

Inspections	Total	<u>continued</u>	Total	Other Services	Total
Assembly	43	Plans Review	19	Dry Hydrants	286
Educational	76	Fire Drills	8	Cisterns	45
Health Care	29	Fire Alarm Tests	23	Fire Alarm Boxes	349
Hotels	9	Fire Pump Test	2	Keys	47
Apartments	92	Sprinkler Tests	15		
Lodging	2	Investigations	14		
				Public Education	
1 & 2 Family	89	Miscellaneous	90	Programs	34
Mercantile	75			Students	1313
Business	22	Permits		Juvenile	6
				Firesetter	
Industrial	14	Oil Burner	38		
Storage	4	Gas Burner	22		
Day Care	9	Woodstoves	5	Total Non-Emerg. Services	
Construction	56	Burning Permits	529		<u>2052</u>

2002 ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Emergency Services	1432
Non-Emergency Services	<u>2052</u>
Total	3484

Tilton-Northfield Fire Department Bank Accounts Summary – 1/1/02 to 12/31/02

Operating Account:

Balance January 1, 2002	\$ 21,789.54
Interest Earned	511.53
Deposits	<u>1,719,409.38</u>
Total Funds Available	\$1,741,710.45
Disbursements	<u>(1,691,267.23)</u>
Balance December 31, 2002	<u><u>\$ 50,443.22</u></u>

Payroll Account:

Balance January 1, 2002	\$ 20,278.24
Interest Earned	18.80
Deposits	<u>0.00</u>
Total Funds Available	\$ 20,297.04
Disbursements	<u>(\$20,297.04)</u>
Balance December 31, 2002	<u><u>\$ 0.00</u></u>

"CLOSED"Insurance (Rescue) Proceeds:

Balance January 1, 2002	\$ 21,125.56
Interest Earned	70.68
Deposits	<u>164,242.47</u>
Total Funds Available	185,438.71
Disbursements	<u>(166,432.00)</u>
Balance December 31, 2002	<u><u>\$ 19,006.71</u></u>

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 2002	\$ 634,552.03
Interest Earned	3,136.96
Deposits	<u>0.00</u>
Total Funds Available	637,688.99
Disbursements	<u>(555,000.00)</u>
Balance December 31, 2002	<u><u>\$ 82,688.99</u></u>

Summary of all Accounts:

Balance January 1, 2002	\$ 697,745.37
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Interest Earned	3,737.97
Deposits	<u>1,883,651.85</u>
Total Funds Available	2,585,135.19
Disbursements	<u>(2,432,996.27)</u>
Balance December 31, 2002	<u><u>\$ 152,138.92</u></u>

Respectfully prepared and submitted,
Roland C. Seymour, Treasurer

Tilton-Northfield Fire Department**BALANCE SHEET - Cash Basis
December 31, 2002****ASSETS**

Assets

Cash-Checking Accounts	\$ 69,449.93
Investments - NHPDIP	82,688.99
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 152,138.92

LIABILITIES and EQUITY

Liabilities

Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 100,000.00
Total Liabilities	100,000.00

Equity

Unreserved	\$ 52,138.92
Total Equity	52,138.92

TOTAL LIABILITIES and EQUITY	\$ 152,138.92
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Respectfully Prepared and Submitted,

Roland C. Seymour, Treasurer

(Balance Sheet is unaudited; using a strict cash basis)

**PLODZIK & SANDERSON
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT**

To the Members of the Board of Commissioners
Tilton-Northfield Fire District
Northfield, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Tilton-Northfield Fire District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Tilton-Northfield Fire District has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Tilton-Northfield Fire District as of December 31, 2001, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Tilton- Northfield Fire District taken as a whole. The individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Tilton-Northfield Fire District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

June 13, 2002

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

Tilton-Northfield Fire District Warrant Fiscal Year 2003

To the inhabitants of the Tilton-Northfield Fire District, qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Winnisquam Regional Middle School Cafeteria, on Winter St in Tilton NH, on Monday March 17, 2003 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening to act on the following:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To choose a Fire Commissioner for the ensuing three (3) years.

Article 5. To see if the district will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000) for the purchase of a 2,500 gallon tank truck with a 1,500gpm pump, and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Dollars(\$126,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act(RSA 33). Furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of Ninety Four Thousand Dollars(\$94,000) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. (2/3 ballot vote required.) (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners.)

Article 6. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for the purchase and refurbishment of a 1981 100ft Thibault aerial ladder. (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners.)

Article 7. To see if the District will vote to renew the Water Contract and raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$128,200) for that purpose. (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners.)

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$14,756) for the support of the Winnisquam Fire Department. (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners.)

Article 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to purchase an electric hydraulic rescue tool pump and rescue boat with motor. (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners.)

Article 10. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$977,756) as the operating budget for the Fire District. (This article includes all warrant articles except for article 5.) (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners.)

Article 11. To accept the report of the Treasurer and the Fire Commissioners and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Fire Commissioners to apply for, receive and expend federal and state grants, which may become available during the course of the year, in accordance with RSA 31:95-b and also to accept and expend money from any other governmental unit or private source to be used for the purposes for which the Fire District may legally appropriate money. (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners.)

Article 13. To see if the District, in accordance with RSA 33:7, will vote to authorize the Fire Commissioners to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners.)

Article 14. To see if the District will vote to confirm its organization in accordance with RSA 154:1(e) so that the three(3) Fire Commissioners shall, in 2004, be elected by ballot pursuant to RSA 669:17 with the Fire Chief and Firefighters thereafter appointed by the Board of Fire Commissioners. (Recommended by the Fire Commissioners.)

Article 15. To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting.

A true copy of the Warrant attest:
Fire Commissioners

Andrew Sleeper
Chairperson

Harold Harbour

Thomas Gallant

Tilton-Northfield Fire District

Distribution of Expenses 2002 – Proposed Appropriations 2003

Account Category	2002	2002	2003
Revenues	Approved	Actual	Proposed
3110.N Property Taxes Northfield	308,029	344,989	329,402
3110.T Property Taxes Tilton	475,452	515,975	494,104
3351 Shared Revenue Block Grant	13,500	13,589	13,500
3502 Interest	12,000	582	750
3409.6 Ambulance Charges	85,000	164,242	140,000
3509 Miscellaneous Revenues	3,305	6,314	0
3915 Transfers from Capital Reserve Funds	70,000	0	94,000
3939.2 Long Term Bond			126,000
Capital Leases	70,000		
	<u>1,037,286</u>	<u>1,045,691</u>	<u>1,197,756</u>
	2002	2002	2003
Salaries & Wages	Approved	Actual	Proposed
110 Career Salaries & Wages	248,203	236,538	246,879
120 Call Salaries & Wages	162,000	125,403	165,217
130 Elected Officials	5,800	5,800	5,300
140 Overtime	19,030	21,234	15,750
190 Other	5,980	2,345	1,800
Total	<u>\$441,013</u>	<u>\$391,320</u>	<u>\$434,946</u>
Benefits			
210 Group Health Insurance	52,556	39,394	42,404
215 Group Life Insurance	1,651	424	1,651
220 Social Security	13,249	14,620	15,458
225 Medicare	5,867	5,661	6,307
230 Retirement	15,187	9,755	19,143
250 Unemployment Comp.	500	81	250
260 Workers Comp.	7,250	11,111	11,111
290 Other	1		1
Total	<u>\$96,261</u>	<u>\$81,046</u>	<u>\$96,325</u>
Prof. & Tech. Services			
301 Auditing	2,500	2,500	2,575
320 Legal Services	750	115	750
331 Ambulance Billing Services	6,600	6,432	9,000
335 School/Training Tuition/Fees	8,485	8,457	12,500
340 Bank Charges & Interest(4.75%)	30,875	30,889	4,000
341 Telephone	6,400	5,222	6,000
342 Data Processing	3,000	2,810	3,600
350 Medical Services	500	136	2,500
355 Photo Lab. Services	200	8	200

357 Fire Alarm System	2,000	4,177	3,000
370 Vehicle Repairs	5,500	12,914	10,000
385 Elections	440	250	350
390 Other Prof. Services	1	29	1
Total	\$67,251	\$73,937	\$54,476

Property Services

410 Electrical	5,000	5,201	5,000
411 Heat & Oil	10,000	6,034	6,000
412 Water	1,100	1,168	1,000
413 Sewer	250	103	300
430 Repairs & Maintenance	7,600	5,333	7,600
440 Rentals & Leases	200	0	200
480 Property Insurance	11,360	12,027	7,900
490 Other	250	84	250
Total	\$35,760	\$29,951	\$28,250

	2002 Approved	2002 Actual	2003 Proposed
Purchased Services			
520 Liability & General Ins.	2,934	1,651	4,197
550 Printing	400		300
560 Dues & Subscriptions	1,000	1,148	1,000
590.1 Winnisquam FD	13,775	13,775	14,756
590.2 Pressurized Hydrants	127,816	128,600	128,200
Total	\$145,925	\$145,174	\$148,453

Supplies

610 General	1,000	3,810	1,000
620 Office	3,500	5,126	3,500
625 Postage	500	524	550
630 Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	7,100	12,143	7,100
635 Gasoline	6,300	5,490	5,500
636 Diesel	6,000	3,617	4,000
640 Custodial & Housekeeping	2,500	1,404	2,500
650 Groundkeeping	500	180	500
660 Vehicle Repair Parts	5,000	18,688	10,000
670 Books & Periodicals	400	448	400
680 Departmental	500	803	500
681 Medical Supplies	6,500	8,925	8,500
682 Fire Alarm Parts	3,000	93	2,000
690 Miscellaneous	3,000	2,234	3,000
Total	\$45,800	\$63,484	\$49,050

Capital Outlay

710 Land	-		1
720 Building	25,000	10,000	10,000
730 Other	-		1
740 Machinery & Equipment	45,000	42,461	30,000
750 Furniture & Fixtures	500	100	500
760 Vehicles			
21 Rescue 1	14,753	14,752	14,753
21 Car 1	6,440	6,970	6,480
21 Ambulance 2	26,000	96,000	25,520
21 Ladder 1			50,000
21 Tanker 1			220,000
775 Dry Hydrants & Cisterns	2,500	5,496	9,000
960.1 Building Fund	5,000	5,000	1
960.2 Rescue Fund	40,000	40,000	0
960.3 Truck Fund	40,000	40,000	0
960.5 Rescue Equipment			20,000
Total	\$205,193	\$260,779	\$386,256

Operating Budget Total

\$1,037,203	\$1,045,691	\$1,197,756
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REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L: 17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression cost.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdfl.org or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

2002 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported thru November 10, 2002)

TOTALS BY COUNTY REPORTED

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	52	13.5
Carroll	80	10.5
Cheshire	39	17
Coos	3	2.5
Grafton	53	21
Hillsborough	108	54.5
Merrimack	94	13.5
Rockingham	60	25.5
Strafford	31	23
Sullivan	20	6

CAUSES OF FIRES

Arson/Suspicious	43
Campfire	31
Children	32
Smoking	32
Rekindle of Permit	3
Illegal	7
Lightning	36
Misc.	356

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

The year 2002 proved to be another busy year for members of our fire department. We responded to 436 calls during the year, which works out to over one call a day. The pattern of about 60% of the calls being for either medical response or auto accidents continues. We are, therefore, fortunate that of our 24 members, 14 are EMT's, with four being certified to the Intermediate Level. Following is a listing of our calls for the year, showing a breakdown by towns and by types of calls:

	<u>Belmont</u>	<u>Sanbornton</u>	<u>Tilton-Northfield</u>	<u>Mutual Aid</u>
Struct. Fire	5	1	15	4
Other Fires	39	26	21	5
False Alarms	41	10	11	2
Medical	79	40	51	8
MVA	28	13	29	4
Other Calls	2	0	0	2
	194	90	127	25

It was a busy year at our station located just off Route 3 (Daniel Webster Highway) at the East end of the bridge over Lake Winnisquam. We had been putting off the maintenance of the building in favor of updating equipment. The roofing had been replaced several years ago, and the trim was done last year, but this year we needed to focus on the building. The outside was pressure washed, scraped, sanded and painted during the summer and we feel the new color scheme of tan with white trim is a big improvement over the previous colors. We had a drilled well installed to replace the dug well that we had operated on for many years. We were pleased when the well produced a flow of about 30 gallons a minute. Many wells in the area only produce 3-5 gallons. This will enable us to top off our tanks on the engines when they are down a couple of hundred gallons rather than having to hook up to a dry hydrant and draft water from the lake.

We coordinated with the Town of Belmont on the installation of underground drainage for this section of Sunset Drive. After the drainage was completed, the property was regarded and the old ramp was removed. A base coat of asphalt paving was installed. The topcoat of asphalt will be laid down in spring, and striping will be installed to aid in backing the trucks into the station.

Several of our members gave considerable time and effort building compartments for storage of the members turnout gear. We had open coat racks before, but there was no separation between the sets of gear and things were often getting mixed up. Now each member has their own rack and can store personal items on the shelf at the back.

After finally getting permission from the State, our members constructed and installed a new "Smokey the Bear" Forest Fire Danger sign out on Route 3 between the bridge and the railroad tracks. These signs can be seen at many fire stations across the country. We are hoping that people will note fire conditions for the area and Help Prevent Forest Fires. Note that permits are required for all outside fires unless the ground is snow covered.

Our biggest news this year is that we have been awarded a grant to purchase updated turnout gear and several new cold water rescue suits. We applied to the federal government through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program and were awarded a grant of \$16,449.00. Our total grant request was for \$18,270.00 of which we must match 10%. This shows up as an item in our Budget/Capital requests included in this years town budgets.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard W. Gray, Chief

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES LAKES REGION OFFICE

Child and Family Service appreciates the continuing support that we have received from the town of Northfield. Child and Family Services is New Hampshire's oldest, non-sectarian, charitable social service organization. We have been serving New Hampshire children and families for since 1850.

During 2002 town support helped us to provide 39 Northfield residents with 529 hours of service and 6 weeks of residential summer camp.

Town support combined with other funds enabled us to offer these services to Northfield residents on a sliding scale basis. No one is denied service because of an inability to pay.

Family and Children's Counseling Professional social workers provide counseling services that utilize individual and family strengths to address a wide variety of problems including death, divorce, substance use, abuse and neglect, and other social and mental health issues. Counseling services strengthen the health of the community by assisting families overcome the debilitating problems that weaken the family structure and impede a child's healthy development.

Child Health Support provides parent aides to assist families who have abused or neglected children to solve the problems that led to the abuse or neglect and to strengthen the family.

Camp Spaulding provides low cost residential camping for children 9 – 14.

Parent Education Courses are designed to help parents learn the skills necessary to address the challenges of parenting so that they can raise healthy children in loving and respectful families. Throughout the year, evening courses are held in local communities to accommodate the needs of working parent

Integrated Home Based Services prevents recurrence of abuse, neglect and delinquency through provision of an integrated series of services designed to meet the specific family's needs.

Parenting Plus home based program which helps at risk families learn parenting skills and effective ways to cope with the stresses of family life.

Adoption Services help insure that children being adopted are placed in good families who are prepared for parenting and ready for the unique joys and challenges of raising an adopted child. Services are also available after the adoption is final for adoptive parents, their children and birthparents.

Teen Services: Group and crisis intervention services to teens at risk of substance abuse, pregnancy or running away and their families. We provide residential care for adolescents.

Child and Family Services serves residents of Northfield through our offices in Laconia at 95 Water Street and in Franklin at the Health First Building, 841 Central Street.

For additional information regarding available services please call us at 524-5835 or toll free at 1-800-640-6486

**CONCORD REGIONAL SOLID WASTE
RESOURCE RECOVERY COOPERATIVE
2002 ANNUAL REPORT**

2003 Budget

1. Wheelabrator Concord Company Service Fees	\$1,993,680.00
2. Rebates and Reconciliation	80,000.00
3. Bypass Disposal Cost Reserve	224,000.00
4. Franklin Residue Landfill	
a. Operation and Maintenance	\$972,460.00
b. Expansion Sinking Fund	2,100,000.00
c. Closure Fund	23,700.00
d. Long Term Maintenance Fund	<u>18,000.00</u>
	3,114,160.00
	3,114,160.00
5. Cooperative Expenses, Consultants, Studies	413,124.00
TOTAL 2002 BUDGET	\$5,824,964.00
6. Less – interest, surplus, recycled tons and communities over GAT	<u>-885,000.00</u>
Net to be raised by Co-op Communities	\$4,939,964.00

2003 GAT of 133,506 and Net Budget of \$4,939,964 =
Tipping Fee of \$37.00 per ton
Tipping Fee of \$71.00 per ton for tons over base tonnage

We are happy to report to all member communities that 2002 marked the thirteenth complete year of successful operations. Some items which may be of interest follow:

The 2003 budget reflects a tipping fee of \$37.00 per ton. The same cost as in 2001. The fee for those tons over the FFT (133,600 tons) will be \$71.00 per ton. This fee increased \$4.50 per ton for 2003.

Co-op waste delivered to the Wheelabrator facility this year totaled 140,127 tons. That represents an increase of 489 tons over 2001, or a .35% increase. Compared to previous years the increase was minimal.

A total of 62,671 tons of ash were delivered to the Franklin Ash Monofill for disposal. The Ashfill continues to operate very well. Phase III Stage IV is being filled at this time. The most recent expansion will provide disposal capacity for the next three years.

The Cooperative continues to look to the future by planning for construction of Phase IV at the Franklin site as well as expansion to a Phase V. Negotiations with Wheelabrator concerning extension of the contract are in progress. We hope to have an agreement early this year.

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

18 Park Street in Northfield, just across the bridge from Tilton 286-8971

Hours: Monday and Thursday, 10-8

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10-6, and
Saturday, 10-1

Trustees: Judy Sanders, Chair, through March, 2004

Eliza Conde, Treasurer, life term

Edna Southwick, Secretary, life term

Barbara Converse, through March, 2004

Sally Lawrence, life term

Staff: Mary Ahlgren, library director

Kelly Finemore, children's librarian

Deann Hunter, young adult librarian

Coral Theberge, tech. services librarian

Jay Pomponio, reference librarian

Christina Rowe, library assistant

Diane Olson, library ass't through Oct.

Bonnie Antoine and Nancy Court, substitutes

Bonnie Fletcher and Bonnie Player, pages

Volunteers: Jean Wright, Spofford Beck, Robin Curdie, Bonnie Randall,
and McBee's Puppet Theater.

Automation Committee: Becky Albert, Leif Martinson, Bonnie Randall, Judy Sanders, Mary Ahlgren, and Coral Theberge. Their work resulted in the library beginning an automation process which has been used to circulate materials since the first week in March. The 13,703 items which have thus far been entered into it can be searched online from anywhere.

Gifts to the library were received from: the Abigail Tilton Fund, the Donald Abbott Estate, Eloise Lyford, Gary and Virginia Green, Theresa Pucci, Concord Awning and Canvas, Nellie Grant, in memory of Enid Williams, Altrusa of Laconia, Kidder Fuels, Janette Davis, Shop 'n Save, the Blooming Iris, the Tower Gallery, Tilton House of Pizza, Anna's Bakery, the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, and Chunky's Cinema and Pub.

At the end of 2002, 2195 patrons had been entered into the automation system. We circulated approximately 36,213 items, 15,062 of them with our automated system. And a sample week in October had 593 people coming through our doors.

The library provided 171 programs of various kinds in 2002, with a total of about 3151 people attending them. This year we shared a summer reading performance with the Pines Community Center.

The Hall Memorial Library welcomes visits from all of you!

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ahlgren, Librarian

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES 2002

INCOME:

Interest	\$437.10
Fines, copies, etc.	\$4,000.00
Memorial Book Fund	\$25.00
Memorial Trust Funds	\$1,915.98
Tilton Trust	\$794.86
Programs	\$1,725.71
Automation	\$2,586.26
Draw	\$3,000.00
Town of Northfield	\$76,194.75
Town of Tilton	\$76,194.75

TOTAL INCOME:**\$166,874.41****EXPENSES:**

Administration/Office	\$3,032.02
Automation	\$280.50
Benefits	\$14,250.13
Building Maintenance	\$1,419.91
Books	\$19,584.28
Education	\$861.32
Electricity	\$5,166.45
Heating	\$2,135.41
Insurance	\$5,255.00
Janitor Service	\$4,374.00
Payroll	\$93,994.28
Payroll Taxes	\$7,340.10
Periodicals	\$1,897.60
Programs	\$1,456.29
Sewer/Water	\$1,064.83
Telephone	\$1,473.79
Videos	\$952.85

TOTAL EXPENSES**\$164,538.76**

**HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF FUNDS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002**

#	FUND TITLE	BEG. BAL.	DEPOSITS	INTEREST	WITHDRAWALS	END. BAL
1	Copier/Equipment	\$938.97	\$770.50	\$13.71		\$1,723.18
2	Copier/Equipment	6,349.63		185.87	190.94	6,344.56
3	Book Sales/Fines	5,073.96	4,667.50	93.95	4,006.50	5,828.91
4	Book Sales/Fines	10,938.89		344.32		11,283.21
5	Mary Osgood	55,371.49		3,627.97		58,999.46
6	Memorial Book	1,195.89	1,850.00	23.98	25.00	3,044.87
7	Holding Account	8,374.30		136.33	3,000.00	5,510.63
8	Memorial Trust	40,625.86		1,541.16	1,501.74	40,665.28
9	Abigail Tilton	0.00	24,863.23	355.08		25,218.31
10	Richard Smart	8,108.17		53.14	6.99	8,154.32
TOTAL		\$136,977.16	\$32,151.23	\$6,375.51	\$8,731.17	\$166,772.73

LAKES REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL

Lakes Region Community Services Council provides support and services to families with children and adults who have developmental disabilities and live in Northfield and surrounding communities.

Some of the supports we provide to people with disabilities includes: support to families, respite, help to find jobs, help with keeping employed, involvement with community events, assistance with personal care needs and transportation.

Last year we again used the funding requested to support a recreation position. The recreation coordinator has been working on providing recreational opportunities for individuals in the Northfield area and surrounding towns. She has been collaborating with local associations that already have existing programs and providing assistance to make the programs inclusive for all to participate.

We would like to thank the citizens of Northfield for their ongoing and future support of making recreation opportunities available for all to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Crocker
Executive Director

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) provides a wide range of planning services to its members. Our work program is as comprehensive as it is full, with activities ranging from technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation, land use and environmental planning, to economic development. We are funded from multiple sources including local and state government, as well as special studies. LRPC is contacted many times each week for answers to local concerns. We also continue to maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies that depend on us as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our goal is to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses, and citizens.

Here are some of our services performed on behalf of Northfield and the region in the past fiscal year:

- ❖ Attended a selectmen's meeting to discuss impact fees, master planning, and transportation enhancements.
- ❖ Supplied information on state regulations regarding the town allowing development to occur on a Class VI road.
- ❖ Provided town officials with maps of the Town of Northfield, the Forrest Street area and Twin Bridge Road/Shaker Road.
- ❖ Provided the DPW with two copies of the town's road maps for snowplowing planning purposes.
- ❖ Furnished information regarding abutter notification, subdivision amendments, and revocations of recorded approvals.
- ❖ Supplied town officials with information on "As-Built" drawing requirements.
- ❖ Provided assistance in developing warrant articles for town meeting.
- ❖ Furnished information on how communities deal with fire cisterns.
- ❖ Gave support for the town's Land and Water Conservation Fund Program application.

- ❖ Under agreement, provided professional planning assistance to the town's planning board and zoning board of adjustment.
- ❖ Responded to questions regarding back lot provisions in the Northfield Zoning Ordinance.
- ❖ Ordered and delivered to the Northfield Planning Board ten copies of the 2001-2002 NH Edition Planning and Land Use Regulation books at considerable savings.
- ❖ Coordinated the 17th annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection, the largest single day, multi-site collection in New Hampshire. Over 2,000 households from twenty-seven communities brought approximately 22,000 gallons of household hazardous waste products to the collection for removal.
- ❖ Performed over 160 traffic counts and several road inventories around the region, as the result of the annual work program with the NH Department of Transportation.
 - ❖ Convened four area commission meetings that focused on Workforce Housing, Community Visioning, Intermodal Transportation Plans, and the National Ground Water Institute and Environmental Education.
 - ❖ Facilitated several regional meetings that led to the construction of the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility in Wolfeboro.
 - ❖ Produced the Annual Report on Development Trends in the Lakes Region.
 - ❖ In cooperation with the NH Community Development Finance Authority, updated zoning maps for twenty-seven municipalities, and created a database of human services.
- ❖ Co-hosted and organized with the NH Municipal Association, three public Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning, and other municipal issues.

- ❖ Hosted a regional National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) workshop in cooperation with the NH Office of State Planning and the NH Office of Emergency Management.
- ❖ Initiated cooperative, regional efforts for groundwater protection, and for effective watershed planning.
- ❖ Increased capability to work with local communities to produce All Hazard Mitigation Plans.
- ❖ Prepared and adopted regional recommendations for Transportation Enhancement Funding.
- ❖ Continued to support the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee.
- ❖ Represented the region on several committees including: the NH Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee, the Statewide steering committee to update the NH Airport System Plan, the Belknap County Economic Development Council, the Northern Rail Task Force, among others.
- ❖ Contributed to area efforts interested in forming a Lakes Region Workforce Housing Action Committee, with participants from the private, municipal, and non-profit sectors.
- ❖ Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee to improve transportation planning, project development, and communication around the region.

It has been a pleasure serving you, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to meet regional needs.

NORTHFIELD SEWER DISTRICT WARRANT - 2003

You are hereby notified that the Northfield Sewer District will hold the annual meeting on March 18, 2003 at 7:00 in the evening at the Northfield Town Hall to act upon the following matters:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year,
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year,
3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year,
4. To choose three Commissioners for the ensuing year,
5. To raise an appropriate the amount of \$98,139 for the operation of the District for the year 2003,
6. To authorize the Northfield Tax Collector to accept payment of sewer levies and,
7. To handle any other matters which may come before the Meeting.

NORTHFIELD SEWER DISTRICT WARRANT - 2003

	BUDGET 2002	EXPENDED 2002	BUDGET 2003
Treatment Charges	\$61,490	57,257.76	62,348
Replacement Fund	4,620	5,250.00	5,250
Administration	10,191	10,193.00	10,191
Insurance	750	350.00	450
Salaries	5,000	4,000.00 *	5,000
Engineering	5,000	0.00	2,000
Billing & Accounting	4,200	4,430.00	4,600
Legal Expense	0	0.00	50
Maintenance of System	2,500	3,099.98	8,000
New Equipment	250	190.00	0
Repair & Maint. of Equip.	100	0.00	100
New Construction		10,000.00*	
Miscellaneous	150	0.00	150
	\$94,251	\$94,770.74	\$98,139

Footnotes

Jack Willey paid in February 2003

Park Street improvement - \$10,000 from operating funds

Given under our hands this 7th day of February, 2003

Rob Steady

Thomas Beaulieu

Roland Seymour

Commissioners, Northfield Sewer District

TILTON-NORTHFIELD OLD HOME DAY 2002

The Tilton-Northfield Old Home Day had another fantastic year. Old Home Day gave use warm weather and a large crowd. The annual DARE Road Race started the festivities at 8 o'clock sharp with a record number of runners.

The parade soon followed and was the largest in Old Home Day history. Thanks Mary for a job well done!

After the parade passed by, everyone made there way to the Pines. Harry's barbeque sold out quickly, so get your tickets early next year!

The Fireman's Muster had some stiff competition and lots of laughs. The evening was topped off with a brilliant fireworks display by Jack Bradley.

Special recognition was given to Chris Harris and Kevin Lachapelle for raising over \$23,000 for the families of firefighters lost on September 11, 2001.

Congratulations to the Citizens Of The Year:

Gerard "Dizzy" St. Cyr from Northfield
and
Robert Cyr from Tilton

Both recipients are well deserving of this honor and we tip our hats to them.

Special thanks to everyone who supports Old Home Day, without you, this day would not be possible.

If you have any questions concerning Old Home Day, please feel free to contact me at home 286-8376. See you in June 2003.

Sincerely,

Mike Summsersett

T-N OLD HOME DAY
OCTOBER 1, 2001 – OCTOBER 1, 2002

BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 1, 2001 \$ 2,920.40

INCOME:

Town of Tilton	\$ 2,500.00
Town of Northfield	2,500.00
Gate Donations	1,490.00
Raffle	779.00
Fish Pond	364.00
Coffee & Donuts	365.75
Booths	635.00
French Fries	1,095.00
T-Shirts	581.00
Ads & Donations	2,640.00
BBQ	1,157.00
Interest 1 st Deposit	<u>20.54</u>
Subtotal	<u>14,127.29</u>

Total Income \$17,047.69

EXPENSES:

Fire Works	5,500.00
Parade & Trophies	3,372.44
Piper Printing	854.00
Ossipee Mt. Electronics	164.27
BJ Hickman	150.00
Spoofs Gabbling Circus	300.00
Postage	74.00
Prize Monies	500.00
Brothers Donuts	38.25
C.S. Woods	122.45
Mulligans Restaurant	324.25
ABC Septic Service	590.00

The Hobo Minstrel	150.00
Beige Acres Farm	200.00
BJ's Wholesale Club	404.59
T/N Explorer Post #49	250.00
Bryant & Lawrence	91.00
Deroys Market	326.37
Laconia Ice	56.00
Donahue Bros.	137.47
Kipp (Fish Pond)	224.17
Country Kitchen	36.17
French Fries	311.85
Maurice Clairmont	150.00
T-Shirts (Zanca)	1,146.30
Paul Vachon (DJ)	200.00
Misc. Supplies	<u>377.52</u>

Total Expenses	<u>15,901.00</u>
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BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 1, 2002	\$ 1,146.69
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Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Cross
Treasurer

PARK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2002 \$ 1,373.70

INCOME:

Services & Lots	\$13,565.00
Interest Tilton Trust Funds	17,728.70
Town of Northfield	1,750.00
Town of Tilton	1,750.00
Foundations & Markers	60.00
Interest 1 st Deposit	54.32
Subtotal	<u>34,908.02</u>

TOTAL INCOME \$36,281.72

EXPENSES:

Wages	21,812.99
Taxes	4,892.90
Telephone	363.81
Electricity	274.59
Oil/Gas	483.89
Parts/Equipment Repair	1,399.91
Supplies	459.09
Insurance	2,567.00
Office Supplies	165.15
Perpetual Care Fund	1,800.00
Dues	110.00
Memorial Pots	292.50
Tools	114.99
Toilet	280.00
Grave Opening	375.00
Building Repairs	125.00
Heat	88.56
Overpayment Lot	50.00

TOTAL EXPENSE \$35,655.38

Balance on Hand December 31, 2002 \$ 626.34

PARK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**INVESTED FUNDS:**

Perpetual Care Funds	8,859.96*
Perpetual Care CD	23,125.10*
Perpetual Care CD	27,001.07*
Equipment Fund	4,374.27
Investment Fund	<u>11,248.13</u>

*Interest only may be expended

TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS: \$74,608.53

Respectfully submitted

Judy A. Huckins, Secretary/Treasurer

**THE PINES COMMUNITY CENTER
TILTON-NORTHFIELD RECREATION COUNCIL
P.O. BOX 262
TILTON, N.H. 03276**

286-8653/Fax 286-2211/e-mail: pinescc@metrocast.net
Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m./Weekends: As scheduled

Dear Tilton-Northfield Residents:

The Tilton-Northfield Recreation Council and staff at the Pines Community Center have had a very long and frustrating year serving the residents of our two towns. It is our hope that the coming year will be successful in every way. Our council membership has increased in numbers with some very hard working and ambitious residents.

We had to say good bye to Robert "Bear" Powell, our maintenance man and welcomed Janice Houlné to fill that position. Leah Wall joined us as our new Program Director.

Our monthly newspaper "The Pines Times" is available at the center the first week of each month. Stop in and pick one up or subscribe for 5.00/year and we will mail you a copy each month (no issue July & August).

The Community Center is available for rentals for weddings, parties, showers, etc. Please contact us for further information. Several of our rooms are used on a daily basis by nonprofit organizations in the area for meetings. If you are a nonprofit organization and are interested in available space, please contact us.

Thank you.

Rose-Marie Welch, President

Council Members: Melba Read, Shirley Curdie, Dorene Tilton, Pat Laliberte, Bryan Mango, Gretchen Wilder, Lisa Boucher, Drina Harbour, Dave Tryon, Kathy Lees, Pat Clark, Polly Mills Fife, Melissa D'Abbraccio and Rose-Marie Welch

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

The University of New Hampshire, Cooperative Extension is your local link to practical, research-based education to people of all ages, helping them make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

Merrimack County residents benefit from a wide range of Extension offerings, which include 4-H and youth development programs, monitoring water quality in lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low income families, strengthening our communities and developing a strong volunteer base while providing a wide range of information to citizens. Extension also offers the public an outreach hotline with a toll-free Family, Home & Garden Info Line, staffed Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm (1-877-398-4769) and it handled a total of 1,198 requests from Merrimack County residents.

Extension staff provides education to forest landowners, food producers and plant growers that help keep their enterprises profitable, thus preserving open space and protecting natural resources. Many studies show that open space helps keep property taxes low, as it places few demands on taxpayers for services. Extension also provides assistance to town planners and boards on zoning issues related to marketing from roadside stands, garden centers, pick-your-own operations, and best management practices from the production of agricultural crops and livestock.

A major statewide Extension initiative, Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, has impacted Merrimack County. Extension staff have worked with the communities in a variety of ways. Several Merrimack County towns have participated in Extension's exciting *Community Profile* process. This past Fall a Community Profile was completed in Hooksett. A Community Profile is a tool to help community members create a vision about what they want their community to be like, and then forms action groups to reach those goals. In addition Cooperative Extension provides

publication notebooks for all town libraries. The Extension currently provides weekly radio spots on WKXL which offer information to the communities throughout the County. Extension information can also be obtained from the Web at ceinfo.unh.edu. Follow-up support is available from UNH Cooperative Extension staff.

Other community efforts include after school programs, teen assessment projects, wellness teams, town office visits, the Master Gardener program, working with town officials to make sure local ordinances are "agriculture-friendly" and assisting schools with maintenance of athletic fields and landscaped areas.

The staff in Merrimack County includes nine Extension educators, two state specialists and three support staff. Educators reach approximately one of every four families in the county.

UPPER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The cult sensation "Bug Nights" received some exciting media coverage this year. NH Public Television ran a feature on Bug Nights for their "NH Outlook" program. NH Public Radio also attended Bug Nights and featured it on a segment of "NH Today." This is the seventh year of the Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program's Bug Nights. Hosted by Saint Paul's School in Concord, Bug Night sessions train volunteers to identify benthic macroinvertebrates (animals without backbones that live on the river bottom). The quantity and diversity of these organisms provides a long-term indication of river health. In addition to analyzing macroinvertebrates, the Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program works with volunteers to collect *E. coli* and other water quality data. Current water quality information and a copy of *State of the Upper Merrimack 1995-1997, a river quality report* can be downloaded at www.merrimackriver.org.

In 2002, The UMMP released a statistical paper that measures the validity of volunteer-generated water quality data. The paper outlines the validity of volunteer- vs. professionally-generated data. The results indicate that well-trained volunteers produce high-quality data. The UMMP extends its sincerest thanks to Steve Eckberg who provided high-quality, professional statistical-analysis services to help process data for the paper. Please visit the UMLAC's website to download the paper.

This year, the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee (UMLAC) welcomes its newest Adopt-a-River Sponsor: Essex Power Services, Inc., Boscawen. Essex is joined by existing Sponsors, Aries Engineering, Inc.; Checkmate Expert Payroll Services, Concord; Elektrisola, Boscawen; Franklin Savings Bank; Franklin Wastewater Treatment Facility; Public Service Company of NH Corporate Offices and Merrimack Station; and Watts Regulator/Webster Valve. Many thanks to the Conservation Commissions and Towns and Cities of Boscawen, Bow, Canterbury, Concord, Franklin, and Northfield for their ongoing support and graciously hosting UMLAC meetings. The UMLAC is grateful for their support of the Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP) and other projects in the watershed.

The first version of *Recycling in the Concord Cooperative: Trash to Cash*, is complete and is already being revised with additional data. Funded with generous support from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund, the UMLAC Recycling Committee researched current recycling practices among communities, identified successful approaches, and drafted a report which presents practical plans for recycling to member communities in the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative. When the revision is complete, the report will be distributed to

all of the municipalities in the Cooperative. The report will also be posted on the UMLAC website.

The UMLAC has completed its work on the "Data Presentation, Outreach, and Education for Action in the Upper Merrimack" project funded by the NH Department of Environmental Services Nonpoint Source Local Initiative Grant Program. The project expands outreach activities, such as exhibits and presentations, to foster watershed stewardship and volunteer recruitment throughout the watershed. The results were measured through pre- and post-presentation questionnaires. Although the grant project is complete, the UMLAC always welcome the opportunities to make the presentation to your group. If your organization is interested in hosting the slide presentation, "The Merrimack River, What's a Watershed Citizen to Do?" or a stream ecology demonstration, please contact Michele Tremblay or your representative listed below.

Additional outreach efforts this year included presentations at the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program, Volunteer Rivers Assessment Program, and NH Rivers Council annual conference; Cold River Local Advisory Committee winter program, Concord Conservation Commission, Franklin City Council, Plymouth State College, Toastmasters, and two demonstrations each at Proctor Academy and Bow Elementary School.

The UMLAC has completed a project funded by the NH Department of Environmental Services Merrimack River Watershed Restoration Grants Program. The project goal was to restore a badly-eroded section of the Merrimack in Boscawen. Unfortunately, the initial engineering estimates provided to the UMLAC were too low and the project could not be completed with the funds requested from DES. However, one part of the project was completed: working with the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development re-graded adjacent lands to facilitate less damaging drainage from runoff. The UMLAC is exploring other options to mitigate damage at the site. Special thanks to Sean Sweeney from Provan and Lorber, Inc. for donating his time and his expertise on geomorphology.

Products slated for completion in 2003 include a brochure and newsletter which will provide updates on UMLAC and UMMP activities. A canoe outing and data presentation to recognize UMMP volunteers and supporters and to present water quality data is also planned.

To learn more about dams and river systems, Stephanie Lindloff from the NH Department of Environmental Services presented an overview of dam removal and river restoration. Marilee Horn from the United States Geological Survey presented "Water Use in the Watershed." Dr. Kenneth Kimball from the Appalachian Mountain Club presented information on how citizens can become effectively involved with the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission's dam re-licensing process. In 2003, the UMRLAC will host and lead a stakeholder forum to facilitate collaboration of municipalities and other groups in the re-licensing process.

The UMRLAC reviewed several river-related proposals from the NH Department of Transportation. The UMRLAC also provided review and comment on several Wetlands Bureau applications including one for a culvert and stabilization at the proposed ash-trash landfill on the Merrimack River in Canterbury. Committee members tracked and commented on the State's draft Instream Flow Rules. This summer, UMMP volunteer Werner Horn alerted the UMRLAC and other agencies to a violation on the Pemigewasset River where a dam management system malfunctioned and an entire section of that river and the Merrimack were de-watered.

Elected UMRLAC officers for 2002-2003 are: Michele L. Tremblay, Chair; Stephen C. Landry, Vice-chair; Gary Lynn, Secretary; and Stephen Robinson, Treasurer.

Please visit UMRLAC's website at www.merrimackriver.org for further information on the river, committee membership, activities, maps, water quality data, and photographs of brave and selfless volunteers in action. UMRLAC meetings are held on a rotating basis in its six represented communities on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. For meeting schedules, locations, and other information contact Michele Tremblay at 603.796.2615 or mtrembla@tds.net or your local representatives listed below.

Boscawen: Stephen C. Landry, Michele L. Tremblay

Bow: Krista Crowell, Gary Lynn

Canterbury: Drew Hoffman, Nancy Roy

Concord: Edwin Robinson, Stephen Robinson

Franklin: Marilee A. Horn

Northfield: Pamela Hunt

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF FRANKLIN

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin are happy to have the support of the citizens of Northfield again this year.

The Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin completes its 57th year of service to our communities. As we look back on the accomplishments of the year, I am pleased to report that we have continued to deliver the highest quality care to our patients in a cost effective and timely way. As always, our patients are our first concern.

This was the final year of funding for our Community Care Management program that we have shared with the Newfound Area Nursing Association. This program has enabled outreach efforts to elders and disabled adults across 12 towns who were not otherwise eligible for Home Care Services. We will continue to serve this population as a part of the network of Care Managers through the CCNTR.

This year was the banner year in which we invested in the electronic "Point of Service" documentation hardware and software that will support our clinical staff in the patient's home. The SmartClipboard system allows nurses and therapists to spend more time with our patients and still be able to fulfill the extensive requirements for documentation required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid as well as other regulatory agencies. Although the learning curve has been extremely steep at times, all clinicians have begun using the tablet and software for their visits.

We are very cognizant of the national shortage of nurses and the projections that over the next decade this will reach crisis proportion as the first wave of baby boomers retire. We have experienced the difficulty of competing with other area health care providers for a finite number of potential staff. The VNA of Franklin is committed to providing support to staff whose desire is to prepare to enter the health care profession.

The VNA of Franklin has been preparing to apply for Medicare certification of our Hospice program in early 2003. Although we have long given end of life care and utilized hospice volunteers to support our patients and families, we have not applied for the certified status prior to this.

The Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin received notification in September 2002 of a grant from the NH Department of Maternal and Child Health for Home Visiting of women and infants from the first trimester of pregnancy through the first year of life. This is another joint effort with the agencies of the Caring Community Network of the Twin Rivers including NANA, Child and Family Services, Health First Family Care Center.

We look forward to fulfilling these objectives in the coming year and continuing our collaborations with other community programs and providers.

It has been a pleasure to serve the residents of Northfield this year. We continue to hold blood pressure screening clinics monthly at the Pines Center and our annual Flu Clinic in addition to the individuals we care for. We appreciate the ongoing representation of Rob Steady on our Board of Directors.

Carol S. Plumb, RN, BSN
Executive Director

YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This year the Youth Assistance Program marks its 27th year of service to the community members of Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton. Although some of the teen issues have changed over the years there are still many challenges to be met. Young people and their parents often find themselves confused, frustrated and angry as they grapple with the problems of the day. As most of us know it is not easy raising children in a world where violence and fear are encountered frequently. Many of our young people are unsure of themselves and their futures. Some turn to drugs, crime, violence and/or destructive relationships. Problems of juvenile delinquency, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy and suicide continue to persist and must be tackled by our community.

Since its beginning the Youth Assistance Program has offered juvenile diversion, informal counseling and support, not only to those youngsters who are apprehended by the authorities, but also to youngsters who may just need someone with whom they can speak confidentially. Sometimes this may take the form of mediation between friends or family members, researching current information on teen issues or taking part in one of the many prevention programs offered by the Youth Assistance Program.

One prevention effort this year has been the All Stars Program for sixth graders at the Winnisquam Regional Middle School. This science-based program helps to deter risky behavior among youth and also serves as an outreach by familiarizing students with the services of the Youth Assistance Program and Youth Opportunities. Funded by a State Incentive Grant, All Stars has helped to reinforce healthy values and good citizenship among this age group.

Each year we end our Town Report with sincere thanks to all of the community members who have given their support to the Youth Assistance Program throughout the year. This year is no exception. In a time when terrorism continues to be a threat, the economy has caused many people financial distress and the possibility of war looms on our horizon it is heart-warming to work with our dedicated program volunteers and the caring that characterizes our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha C. Douglass, Director
Dawn B. Shimberg, Associate Director

YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Board of Directors:

Marion Abbott	Kent Chapman	Norman Couture
Tom Croteau	Nina Gardner	Hal Graham
Scott Hilliard	Linda Pardy	Richard Robinson
Rick Stewart		

Statistics:

Total Youth Participation	311
Adult Participation	21
Court Diversion Cases	43
Counseling	10
Substance Abuse Training	13
Prevention Activities	264

Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 3068, Northfield, NH 03276
Office Address:	287 Main St., Tilton, NH
Phone:	286-8577
Fax:	286-7687

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Opportunities has had a great year! The program offered many activities for the middle and high school aged residents of Tilton, Northfield and Sanbornton. Some of the various activities included trips to the Mall of NH, bowling, movies, canoeing, hiking, crafts, skateboarding and snow sports, Red Cross Babysitter Training Course, open gym time at the Middle School, and cooking groups which are now located at the Middle School.

Y.O., with the help of the Youth Assistance Program, has also implemented the character building Allstars curriculum within all of the 6th grade classes.

In the past year, over 200 students have enjoyed the trips and activities offered, and Y.O. would like to thank all students, chaperones/volunteers, and area businesses who have helped to make this possible. We have also had great success thanks to the support of the Winnisquam Regional School District, including preliminary approval for a skateboard park on the Union Sanborn School Property.

For more information on the Youth Opportunities Program, please call Wendy Kenneson, Program Coordinator at 286-8008.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Name of Groom Name of Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
01/26/2002	Derek R. Lacourciere Jamie K. Lacroix	Northfield Northfield
04/14/2002	Michael D. Gagon Kellie A. Whalen	Franklin Northfield
04/20/2002	David R. Hume Ginger L. True	Northfield Northfield
04/20/2002	James E. Conway Cynthia L. Erving	Northfield Moultonboro
04/27/2002	William J. Hamel Christina M. Noyes	Franklin Franklin
05/04/2002	Thomas E. Romiglio Tammy L. Bolduc	Northfield Northfield
05/11/2002	William P. Saber II Lisa M. Rowe	Northfield Northfield
05/25/2002	Andrew C. Turner IV Jennifer L. Rider	Northfield Northfield
05/25/2002	Normand B. Smith Jr. Melissa B. Livesay	Hubert, N.C. Hubert, N.C.
05/31/2002	Michael D. Schofield Robin M. Leclerc	Northfield Northfield
06/01/2002	Jeffrey A. Cote Rachele A. Raffaelly	Concord Northfield

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002**

<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Name of Groom Name of Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
06/01/2002	Jason A. Lees Angie L. Sargent	Northfield Tilton
06/01/2002	Michael E. Harbour Susan M. O'Connell	Northfield Northfield
06/01/2002	Robert A. Gates Jr. Katherine N. Dumont	Northfield Northfield
06/01/2002	David A. Beaupre Cecile L. Coffey	Northfield Northfield
06/08/2002	Ryan J. Hanks Lindsey K. Beyerlein	Alstead Alstead
06/15/2002	Garreth D. Lynch Sarah B. Clifford	Northfield Northfield
06/22/2002	Ronald J. Dunlop Vivian L. Steinhagen	Northfield Northfield
06/29/2002	Bernard R. Dion Jr. Kaley M. Gelinis	Pittsfield Pittsfield
07/21/2002	Thomas G. Haslett Jodi L. Hager	Effingham Alton
07/27/2002	Keith A. Tuttle Jennifer M. Johnson	Northfield Northfield
07/27/2002	John M. Klardie Colleen E. Morrison	Northfield Northfield

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Name of Groom Name of Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
08/02/2002	Jerry M. Fecteau Colleen R. Haskell	Northfield Northfield
08/27/2002	David J. Rumsey Kathryn L. Glover	Northfield Northfield
08/31/2002	Charles C. Flanders Jr. Christina A. Stokes	Northfield Northfield
08/31/2002	Michael G. Smith Erica M. Martin	Northfield Northfield
09/07/2002	Richard A. Chase Julia A. Rodriguez	Northfield Northfield
09/07/2002	Manuel A. Neves Sandra L. Lurvey	Northfield Northfield
09/10/2002	Jared D. Horton Vicki L. Dunn	Northfield Northfield
09/13/2002	David R. Brunner Cory E. Meier	Waltham, Ma. Waltham, Ma.
09/21/2002	David P. Campbell Hollie M. Collette	Franklin Franklin
09/21/2002	Jason M. Pudlo Amy D. Forsythe	Greenfield Ctr., N.Y. Northfield

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002**

<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Name of Groom Name of Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
09/28/2002	Richard M. Sargent Tasha M. Fairbanks	Northfield Northfield
09/28/2002	Jonathan E. Page Cori L. Book	Northfield Northfield
09/28/2002	Lee S. Newcomb Nancy A. Lounsbury	Northfield Northfield
09/28/2002	Jefferson C. Braman Kristine M. Hubley	Northfield Northfield
10/05/2002	Ernest G. Coates Jr. Shelley B. Ahlman	Northfield Northfield
10/12/2002	David I. Drinkwine Brandi A. Huckins	Northfield Northfield
10/13/2002	Marc V. Tower Heather H. McDonald	Northfield Northfield
10/19/2002	Jeremy J. Poole Amy J. Furber	Northfield Northfield
10/19/2002	Michael J. Danforth Melissa A. Caruso	Northfield Northfield
10/26/2002	Nathaniel I. Cadorette Veronica R. Gaeb	Northfield Loudon
10/26/2002	Richard A. Hickey Carol A. Leroux	Northfield Northfield

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DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002**

<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Name of Groom Name of Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
10/31/2002	Troy A. Smart Sarah M. O'Brien	Northfield Northfield
11/09/2002	Harlan A. Leach Jr. Lori L. Darling	Northfield Northfield
11/09/2002	James F. Prentice Holly M. Baker	Northfield Northfield
11/30/2002	Edward J. Rose II Meagan M. Laughy	Sanbornton Sanbornton
12/01/2002	David W. Vermillion Julie M. Ryba	Northfield Northfield
12/26/2002	Randy F. Chapin Mong-Ran Yang	Northfield Northfield

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy A. Huckins, Town Clerk
Vicki L. Hussman, Deputy Town Clerk

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002**

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Name of Father</u> <u>Name of Mother</u>
01/02/02	Concord	Elias William Richardson	John Richardson Susan Richardson
01/11/02	Concord	Isabeau Emmily Palmer	Jason Palmer Elizabeth Senecal
01/19/02	Concord	Alex Scott Rice	Scotty Rice Melissa Rice
01/21/02	Littleton	Zachaary Elias Chase	David Chase Sara Chase
02/02/02	Franklin	Jayde A. Groz	John Groz Kristine Groz
02/05/02	Concord	Grant Lewis Shorey	Donald Shorey Lisa Shorey
02/17/02	Franklin	Lilliana Nicole Melvin	David Melvin Amanda Seeley
03/21/02	Concord	Rebecca Anne Bellerose	Richard Bellerose Sherrie Bellerose
04/09/02	Concord	Nathan Scott Clifford	Scott Clifford Heidi Clifford
04/15/02	Concord	Sierra Pearl McDonald	Christopher McDonald Dawn McDonald
04/20/02	Concord	Brodie Afonso Patch	Robert Patch Lillian Afonso-Patch

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father Name of Mother
04/22/02	Laconia	Corinna Sharon Corriveau	James Corriveau April Corriveau
05/02/02	Concord	Carter Paige Davis	Brian Davis Alison Davis
05/13/02	Exeter	Jacob Mielcarz	Joseph Mielcarz Holly Mielcarz
05/18/02	Concord	Robert Lawson Muzzey	Steven Muzzey Kerith Muzzey
06/02/02	Franklin	Corey Ronald Wayne Fisher	Patrick Fisher Bobby Jo Clemens
06/19/02	Franklin	Amy Marie Roy	Ernest Roy Colleen Roy
06/19/02	Franklin	Ahmed Tanveer Chaudhry	Tanveer Chaudhry Rebecca Chaudhry
07/01/02	Laconia	Stephanie Renee Harrington	Frank Harrington Dan Harrington
07/08/02	Concord	Kalli Marie Lane	Ian Lane Katherine Lane
07/20/02	Laconia	Laura Nicole Cilley	Jon Cilley Dawn Cilley
08/04/02	Franklin	Elijah Andrew Tracey	Travis Tracey Aletheia Tracey

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father Name of Mother
08/06/02	Concord	Richard Bradley Jones	Richard Jones Drenna Jones
08/12/02	Manchester	Hailey Marie Kaliscik	John Kaliscik Sandra Kaliscik
08/22/02	Franklin	Baeleigh Ryan Stendor-Glass	Ronald Glass Sherrie Stendor-Glass
09/19/02	Franklin	Chloe Medora Jacques	Keith Jacques Steffanie Jacques
09/21/02	Concord	Todd Barry Richardson	Todd Richardson Lisa Richardson
09/25/02	Concord	Zoe Marie Elliott	Larry Elliott Melinda Bradicich
10/11/02	Concord	Abby Rose Smith	Bret Smith Sara Smith
10/24/02	Franklin	Alexander Peter Dubiel	Peter Dubiel Beverly McKinnon-Dubiel
10/29/02	Franklin	Corey Lee Hodgdon	Donald Hodgdon Donna Hodgdon
11/13/02	Lebanon	Jasen Matthew Fournier	Aaron Fournier Betsy Fournier
11/22/02	Concord	Joseph Michael Collins	Richard Collins Susan Collins

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DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002**

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Name of Father</u> <u>Name of Mother</u>
12/08/02	Manchester	Josiah Jeffrey Ziminsky	Geoffrey Ziminsky Ariana Ziminsky
12/11/02	Concord	Logan Hunter Paronto	Andrew Paronto Jennifer Paronto
12/22/02	Franklin	Ariana Dalia Lopez	Luis Lopez-Martinez Janel Lopez

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy A. Huckins, Town Clerk
Vicki L. Hussman, Deputy Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father Name of Mother
01/08/02	Lebanon	Charles M. Pucci	Charles Pucci Gloria Raffaelly
01/20/02	Northfield	Kathleen M. Yeargle	Yvon Cloutier Mary Lou Colby
02/03/02	Franklin	Donald L. Abbott	Willis Abbott Hazel Davis
02/04/02	Franklin	Edward H. Zimmerman	Martin Zimmerman Margaret Klein
03/22/02	Franklin	Justine M. Gauthier	William Rollins Olive Twombly
03/22/02	Laconia	Rose A. Cullen	Arthur Carignan Cordelia Grenier
04/26/02	Boscawen	Ruby L. Moore	James Virgin Bessie Davis
04/30/02	Lebanon	Webster M. Patrick	Kit Patrick Maroy Dunn
05/09/02	Concord	Lillian A. Eldridge	Fred Dore Ida Drew
05/10/02	Franklin	Richard A. Caldwell	Charles Caldwell Mary Woodward
6/22/02	Northfield	Albert H. Prue	Frank Prue Grace Langmaid
07/04/02	Northfield	Marie C. Masson	Henry Janelle Clarinda Guimond

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father Name of Mother
07/06/02	Northfield	Doris A. Parent	Lucien Legendre Adeline Laverdiere
07/13/02	Manchester	John P. Uscilka	Julius Uscilka Agnes Mokszycke
08/15/02	Northfield	Sandra C. Kolodej	Henry Waltman Frances Gilpatrick
08/18/02	Northfield	Paulette W. Shedd	Leonard Wilburn Lillie Taylor
08/25/02	Lebanon	Kristopher S. Fox	William Fox Mary Rines
09/01/02	Northfield	Jason P. Bolduc	Anthony Bolduc Barbara Trefethen
09/04/02	Northfield	Barbara B. Godwin	Clark Bliss Elizabeth Walker
09/08/02	Franklin	Albert W. Laplante	Albert Laplante Annie Tilton
09/19/02	Northfield	Lansing S. Mallett	Lansing Mallett Barbara Chase
09/21/02	Franklin	William A. Pellerin	Joseph Pellerin Adeline Aube
10/07/02	Manchester	April L. Dorval	Charles Dorval Arlene Capaldo
10/13/02	Northfield	James F. Willey	Fred Willey Leta Merrill

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002**

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father Name of Mother
10/19/02	Northfield	Scott S. Wright	Steve Wright Nancy Hill
10/28/02	Laconia	Danny W. Parris	Clyde Parris Elsie Steele
11/04/02	Franklin	Thelma I. Wilson	Charles Wilson Minnie Cutting
12/05/02	Northfield	William W. Moses	Royal Moses Hilda Judd
12/06/02	Franklin	Thomas G. Corliss	Walter Corliss Suzie Guard
12/10/02	Northfield	Raymond R. Nedeau	Amedee Nedeau Alrita Huckins
12/20/02	Franklin	Lillian G. Thorpe	Unknown Gerry Edith, Unknown
12/29/02	Northfield	Dolores O. Hill	Clarence Driscoll Olive Martell

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy A. Huckins, Town Clerk
Vicki L. Hussman, Deputy Town Clerk

SAVINA HARTWELL MEMORIAL CONCERTS

We had a great season of concerts in 2002 (with over 400 people for our opener), and very good attendances and great website and press, radio and TV exposure. Our record for attendance for a single concert was over 825 and our average was over 400 each.

The "Old Favorite" bands, Amoskeag Strummers, East Bay Jazz Ensemble, Annie and the Orphans, Karen Morgan and Pony Express, Colada, 2nd Wind and Swell Party were great crowd pleasers again, and are back on the schedule for 2003.

I am really excited about having the Beatles Tribute Band, All Together Now, in concert on the island again next year! They drew the largest audience ever on the island and drew an outstanding audience response.

Joining the roster in 2003, the Wayback Machine, will bring a concert consisting exclusively of Music of the 1960's to the island.

The full schedule for 2003 (our 11th season) is complete and as usual lists our co-sponsors, (everyone of whom volunteered their support without being asked) which I think is a wonderful indication of the community's commitment to the Free Concerts. Many of our sponsors are "Old Favorites" too! As several have provided financial support almost from the beginning in 1993, for which I have been, and continue to be very grateful.

The radio stations were again very gracious and provide a lot of airtime for our public service announcements and the newspapers were very generous with space and ran articles weekly publicizing the various bands and concert dates. Our schedule was in the Union Leader Summer Events Edition, the WLNH Best Read Guide and the State's magazine, "Visit NH" and on the State's website, as well as sites of New Hampshire Happenings, Lakes Region Community Events, Franklin C of C, and of course on the Town of Tilton and Hartwell Concerts websites.

I want to convey my appreciation to Art Fecteau for again volunteering his help on Sundays and with island maintenance, and to everyone involved for all their help in making the concerts a success and Tilton/Northfield's Summertime Classic Event.

So then, I take this opportunity to share my satisfaction and to thank the Northfield Selectmen for joining the Selectmen of Tilton and our gracious local business sponsors and the T/N Rotary Club in providing financial support, thus making the Concerts truly a community enterprise. And especially, **THANK YOU!**

Alan Hartwell

**TILTON & NORTHFIELD SUMMERTIME CLASSIC SERIES OF
2003 SAVINA HARTWELL MEMORIAL FREE CONCERTS
SUNDAY EVENINGS: 6:30 TO 9:00 PM**

Refreshments Available or Bring Your Own/Bring Chairs or Blankets

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| JULY 6 | AMOSKEAG STRUMMERS
Co-Sponsor: Ken Partridge Construction |
| JULY 13 | ALL TOGETHER NOW–Beatles Tribute Band
Co-Sponsor: Providian National Bank |
| JULY 20 | EAST BAY JAZZ ENSEMBLE
Co-Sponsor: The Gale Insurance Agency |
| JULY 27 | ANNIE AND THE ORPHANS
Co-Sponsor: Tilt'n Diner |
| AUG 3 | KAREN MORGAN/PONY EXPRESS
Co-Sponsor: Franklin Savings Bank |
| AUG 10 | THE COLADA ENSEMBLE
Co-Sponsor: Grevior Furniture Company |
| AUG 17 | 2ND WIND – BLUEGRASS BAND
Co-Sponsor: Jack Willey's Motorcycle Supplies |
| AUG 24 | WAYBACK MACHINE
T/N Rotary Club |
| AUG 31 | SWELL PARTY
Co-Sponsor: Bryant and Lawrence Hardware |

SAVINA HARTWELL BANDSTAND/TILTON ISLAND PARK

Underwritten in part by the Towns of Tilton and Northfield.
Additional Promotional Funding provided by Wyman-Gordon Inv.
Casting. Additional Advertising Support provided by Providian
National Bank. Supplemental Funding provided by the Tilton
Northfield Rotary Club.



OFFICE HOURS

Building Inspector:	Hours by Appointment	286-7039
Health Officer:	Hours by Appointment	286-7039

Hall Memorial Library Hours:

Monday and Thursday:	10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Conservation Commission:	Meets 1 st Wednesday of each month At 7:00 pm – Town Hall
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Planning Board:	Meets 2 nd Wednesday of each month At 7:30 pm – Town Hall Call 286-7039 for Agenda Info
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Knowles Pond Conservation Area: Stewardship Mgmt. Committee	Meets 3 rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm – Town Hall
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Recycling Center:	Wednesday 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Saturday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
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Selectmen:	Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Meet every Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
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Town Clerk/Tax Collector:	M,T, TH, F 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Tuesday evenings 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm CLOSED WEDNESDAYS
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Zoning Board:	Meets 4 th Wednesday of each month At 7:30 p.m – Town Hall Call 286-7039 for Agenda Info
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Winnisquam Regional School Board meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm.

